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Russian Bait

THE Big Three's reply to the Soviet note concerning the future of Germany follows expected lines. While reaffirming what the Western Powers consider basic principles, it also challenges the Russians to demonstrate their good faith and sincerity by firstly agreeing to free and democratic elections being held in all four occupation zones, and secondly, to allowing the United Nations Commission entry into the Eastern zone to study conditions there in order to be satisfied that it is possible to permit uncontrolled elections in the area. The Big Three have no illusions about the Soviet note. It largely represents bait for the benefit of Western Germans. And the bait takes the form of suggesting that the Russian plan guarantees West Germany armed neutrality which will enable the Germans to escape war. And the army which the Soviets promise is to be Germany's very own and not a segment of a heterogeneous military combine. The idea is certain to appeal to military elements and the Social Democrats in Western Germany, but the main body of opinion in the Federal Republic have as yet given no suggestion they are likely to be tricked by the offer.

WHAT the Big Three still require to know from the Russians is how they propose bringing into being the suggested all-German Government. At present there are two German Governments, one in the West Zone, whose members are responsible to a freely elected Parliament, and the other in the Russian Zone, whose members are Russian nominees. Principles so entirely opposite cannot be combined; one or the other must be chosen. If the Russians do not accept free elections, little more can be said or done about an all-German Government. But if they are willing to agree to this proposition, the next step must be for them to arrange for the United Nations Commission to be allowed to perform its task in Eastern Germany. And, judging from the reception which the Commission encountered in Berlin this week there will have to be a complete change in the Soviet attitude if this permission is to be forthcoming.

IT is not as if any drawing together could be expected from the mere fact of negotiation. Other history might warrant such hope, but not the history of Soviet diplomacy. It is only necessary to recall the three months' story of what happened in Paris last year, or the eight months' story of what is still happening in the Korean truce talks to appreciate the point. Both those negotiations were invited by the Russians, and both, it is now clear, with the definite intention that the West should be long kept in play, but should obtain nothing. The line does not imply closing any door to peace. If Russia is prepared to abandon the forcible reversion of Eastern Germany talks can be started. If she is not, then all the Western Powers can do is to continue with NATO's scheme of defence until Russia thinks better of it.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"
RACE 1

Speed Wheel
Flight
Sulphur
Outsider:—Samson.

RACE 2

Radio Star
Ben Lomond
Solar Knight
Outsider:—Norse Viking.

RACE 3

Desert Gold
Geronimo
High Straight
Outsider:—Huntmaster.

RACE 4

Crackerjack
Panda
Fire-glo
Outsider:—Gold Medal.

RACE 5

Cesar
Menowbrook
Fleeting Moment
Outsider:—Young Conqueror.

RACE 6

Argus II
Hot Pollo
Tunny
Outsider:—Glacial Lake.

RACE 7

Top Secret
Ataman
Jeep Lee
Outsider:—John Halifax.

RACE 8

Gold Cup
New Zealand
Olympic Torch
Outsider:—Comet.

RACE 9

Aga King
Hurry On
Countless Delight
Outsider:—Jorrock.

RACE 10

Golden Boy
National Income
Happy Boy
Outsider:—Stirling Castle.

RACE 11

Santa Claus
Valbridge
Giddup
Outsider:—Hiram C.

RACE 12

Winged
Penforce
Chelsea

Outsider:—Exquisite Love.

By "The Turf"
RACE 1

Arabian Moon
Sulphur
Flight
Outsider:—Speed Wheel.

RACE 2

Ben Lomond
Winner
Norse Viking
Outsider:—Radio Star.

RACE 3

High Straight
Huntmaster
Popularity
Outsider:—Geronimo.

RACE 4

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L'Are Triomphe
Outsider:—Crackerjack.

RACE 5

Fleeting Moment
Castle Court
Aviemore
Outsider:—Armament.

RACE 6

Priority
Airfield
Hot Pollo
Outsider:—Tunny.

RACE 7

Bankfoot
Arabian Dagger
Top Secret
Outsider:—John Halifax.

RACE 8

Gold Cup
American Carrot
Olympic Torch
Outsider:—New Zealand.

RACE 9

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Outsider:—Thunder Sky.

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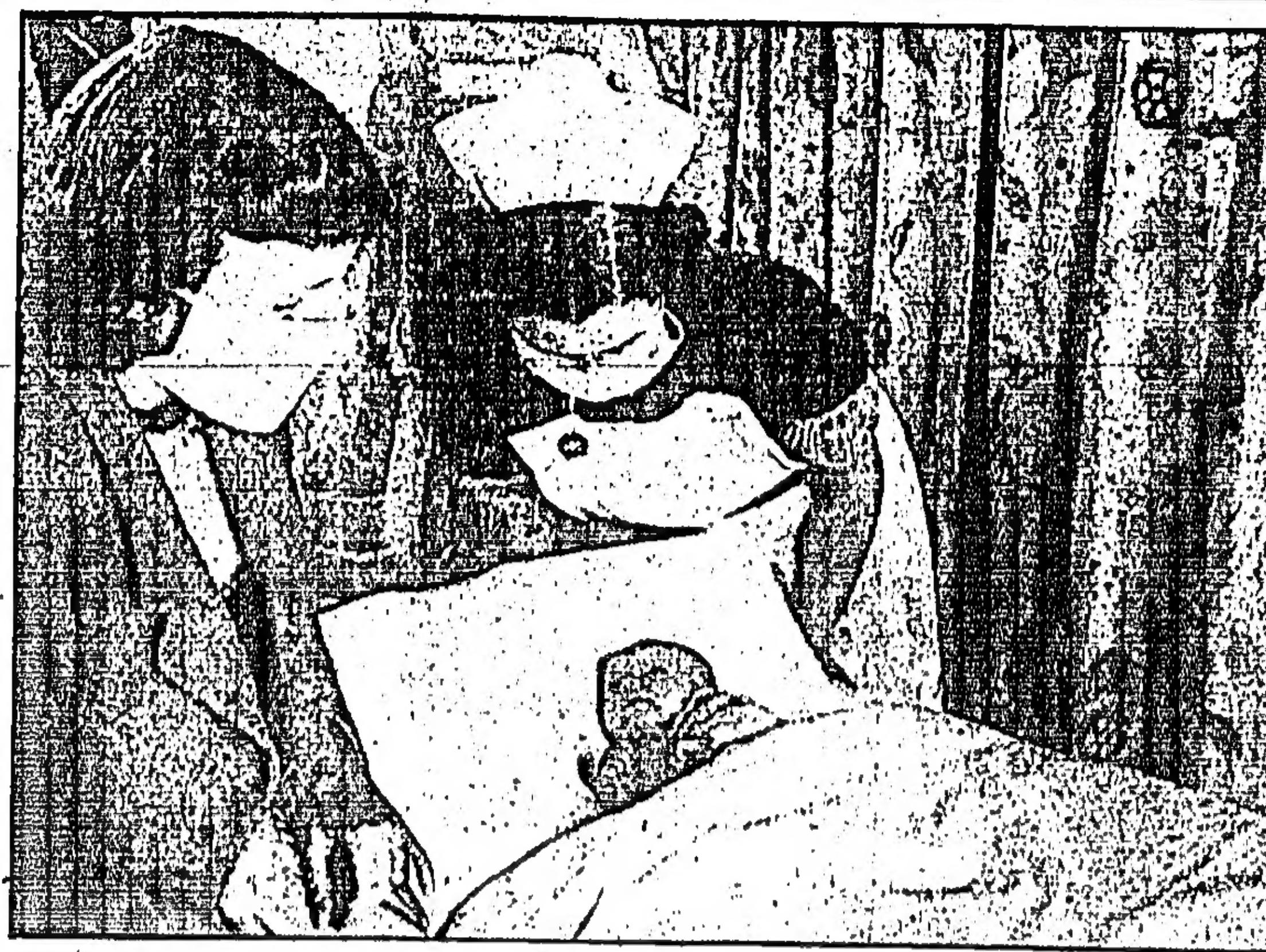
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Outsider:—Penforce.

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S. AFRICA FACING GRAVE CRISIS, WARNING

Malan Accused By Opposition

Capetown, Mar. 25.

Senator G. Heaton Nicholls, leader of the United Party opposition in South Africa's Senate, today accused the Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, of precipitating a crisis more serious than any the Union has known.

He moved a motion taking the "strongest possible exception" to the Government's declared intention to "overrule the unanimous judgment" of the Supreme Court which ruled invalid the Act placing coloured voters on a separate voters' roll.

The Opposition's motion called on the Government to resign unless it would give an undertaking that it would act in accordance with the Constitution.

Senator Nicholls, a former South African High Commissioner in London, declared that by his refusal to accept the appellate division's judgment the Prime Minister had precipitated a crisis the extent of which nobody could see.

Dr Malan had deluded himself into believing that the will of the Nationalist Party caucus represented the sovereignty of Parliament.

REVOLUTION THREAT

"He has created a crisis more serious than any with which South Africa has been confronted since union (1910), graver,

indeed, in many respects than the crisis which we had to face in 1939, since he now threatens us with revolution in our whole conception of the part which the judiciary plays in the maintenance of our fundamental rights and democratic freedoms."

Naples, Mar. 25. At least 30 workers are feared to have been killed and 40 others injured today in an explosion 2,400 feet underground in a tunnel being built near here for a hydroelectric project.

Both ends of the tunnel were blocked by the explosion which was believed to have been caused either by methane gas or explosives used in the tunnelling excavations.

By late tonight 20 of the dead and 30 of the injured had been brought out of the tunnel after hours of feverish rescue work by scores of Police, firemen and volunteers.

Twenty men were still entombed.

Minutes after the blast shook every house in the nearby village of Mignano, where the workers lived, families began screaming towards the scene of the disaster.

Wives screamed the names of their husbands at the rubble blocked entrances to the tunnel.

One worker, Giuseppe Perisante, gasped "hell down there, absolute hell," as he was dragged out of the tunnel. "For God's sake help those men down there."

MEN BURIED

He said that parts of the partially completed tunnel collapsed after the explosion, burying many of the miners.

All the lights went out and the survivors immediately groped towards the entrances in the dull light of storm lanterns.

Huts outside the tunnel were turned into emergency mortuaries and first aid stations.

The most seriously injured were taken to hospitals at Caserta, three and a half miles away.

At nightfall the rescuers worked in the glare of powerful searchlights.

The wives and families of those still buried squatted on the ground and waited.

In Rome Senators rose to their feet and listened in silence as Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, announced the disaster.

"I assure the Senate," the Premier said, "that the Government will do everything possible for the stricken families and to repair the damage caused by the disaster."

He said that it had not yet been established how the explosion had occurred.—Reuter.

Tunnel Explosion Disaster

30 Workers Feared
Killed, 40 Injured

**"Desperately
Serious"**

Hoddesdon, Mar. 25.

Sir Patrick Spens, Conservative Member of Parliament and a Queen's Counsel, said here today that the constitutional position in South Africa was desperately serious.

For any Prime Minister of any Commonwealth country to refuse point-blank to accept the unanimous decisions of his Supreme Court was a very serious matter and fraught with danger "for all of us."

Sir Patrick had been asked to address the annual conference of the Federation of University Conservative Associations after a resolution condemning the South African Government's racial segregation policy had been moved and seconded.—Reuter.

realising how near the rocks this Government is taking the country, and they will determine, with no uncertain voice that this Government must be dismissed unless we are all to go down together."

Referring to Dr Malan's activities during the last war, Senator Nicholls said, "These are the very people who in the not too distant past were content to storm throughout the country challenging the sovereignty of that Parliament which decided in 1939 to go to war with Germany."

"With what grace can they dare talk about the sovereignty (Contd. on back page, col. 2)

Gruenther Describes Russia's Great Military Strength

Washington, Mar. 25.

General Gruenther, General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, said today that Russia had modernised its armed forces and now had the finest army in the world.

Testifying in support of President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid programme at an open hearing of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, General Gruenther said that Russia had roughly 175 divisions of which about 65 were armoured or mechanised.

"What the Soviet Union has been doing is to modernise its divisions and make them more efficient," he said.

"For the past two years they have concentrated on bringing their infantry divisions up in strength and training and given them greater mobility."

"They have changed their cavalry divisions to armoured divisions and they have now the finest and most effective army in the world today."

Problems facing General Eisenhower's headquarters included:

1.—The development of air power, considered to be the most effective means of determining an attack.

2.—Creation of land reserves. General Gruenther said that satisfactory progress was being made towards the establishment of a European defence force which would include German troops.

Asked if he thought the Soviet Union would not attack in Europe until it was strong enough to launch a simultaneous attack on America, General Gruenther said that might be considered "the smart thing to do."

But, he added, the Japanese had made their big mistake when they attacked America and he said that it would be "very foolish" for Russia to make such a move.

The spirit of co-operation had been "most gratifying".

General Gruenther said that "very great progress" had been made in the past year in bringing an effective defence force into being. Conscription periods in all the European NATO countries had been increased and defence budgets raised, in many cases to the point of strain.

General Gruenther said that about 4,000 of the Russian planes were jet aircraft.

General Gruenther said that the Rumpol also had a long-range bomber which was a copy of the American B-29 bomber which America now regarded as obsolete.

The Soviet Air Force is effective largely because of its numbers," he said. "It has quality but its pilots are probably not as well trained as ours.

What they lack in quality they make up in quantity and I think it would be a very potent force against us."

On the naval side, General Gruenther said, Russia had been

taking place. We are trying to reach a position where aggression would be so unprofitable that it would not happen. I do not subscribe to the idea that war is inevitable in any shape or form.

General Gruenther told the Committee he was "definitely convinced" that the Western defence plan would succeed, adding that its success was of vital importance to Europe and America.

Asked if he thought the Soviet Union would never attack Western Europe.

Asked whether he thought that the Soviets would attack the General said, "I do not think an attempt is imminent. I do not think it is ever going to come."

"In the free world have so much at stake that we will act sensibly and it is within our power to prevent the war from

recommencing," he said. "It has quality but its pilots are probably not as well trained as ours. What they lack in quality they make up in quantity and I think it would be a very potent force against us."

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But the General said, "I wanted to avoid making any assumptions as to what was in the minds of the Soviet leaders."

General Gruenther said that he had "absolutely reliable" information on whether the Soviet satellites were ready and willing to fight for the Kremlin.

He said that the satellite armies had, however, been expanded in the last two years.

He said that there was indication of a "considerable area of disaffection" within the Soviet orbit.

"I hope we will be able to take advantage of that and keep alive the hopes of freedom for these people," he said.

Reuter.

ATTACK UNLIKELY

To further questions, General Gruenther agreed that it was "probable" that there would be no attack in Europe unless, and until Russia had made greater advances in her own defences.

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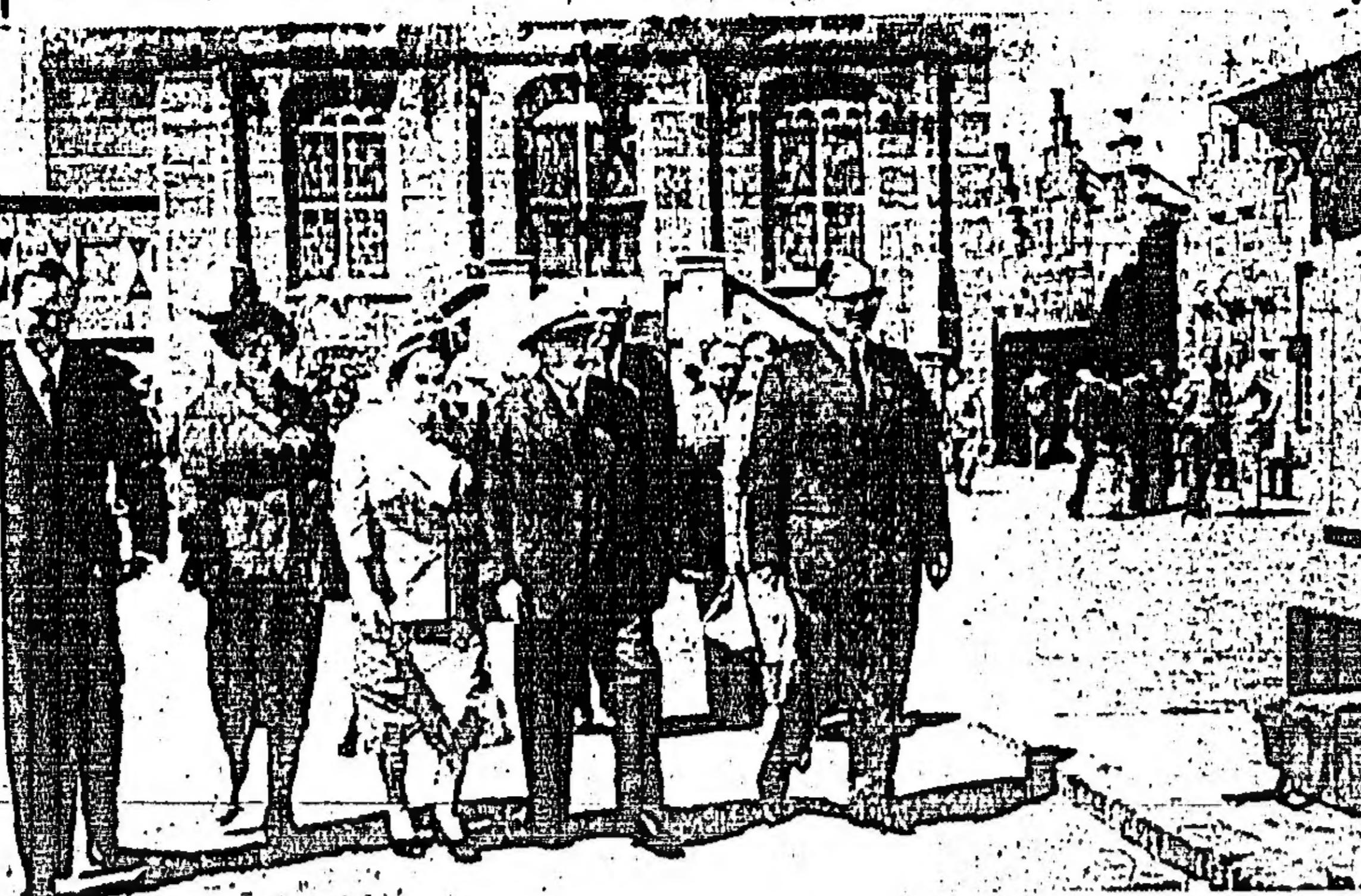
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**Dr. Malan Visiting Exhibition**

Dr. Malan, South African Premier (centre, with hat), is shown round the replica of the Market Place at Culemborg, Holland, the town of van Riebeek's birth, at the Tercentenary anniversary of Jan van Riebeek's foundation of a "half-way house" at the Cape in 1652 for the Dutch East India Company. — Express Service.

**Results Of
Whale Hunt**

London, Mar. 25.
The production of whale oil by 10 Norwegian factory-ships amounted to 1,103,356 tons during the last whale hunt, it was announced today.

This figure included 136,193 tons of spermaceti oil.

The Norwegian product amounted to 45 per cent of the world production.

The four British factory-ships produced 136,214 tons of oil, an increase of 10,000 tons over the production of the previous season. — France-Presse.

**COMMENCING
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And****MAJESTIC****NEEDS TIME**

M. de Hautecloque, told the Bey that France proposed a resumption of negotiations on the future of the protectorate. But the French Government was no longer disposed to negotiate with the present Tunisian Government which, he said, had met only twice in the last six months.

The Bey, saying that he needed time to think over the French statement, told the Resident that he had summoned his Ministers here in the hope of hearing proposals for reforms.

The two Tunisian Ministers

now in Paris, Salih Ben Youssef,

Minister of Justice, and

Mohamed Badra, Minister of Social Affairs, came to present their complaint against the French Administration to the United Nations.

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**Tunisian Leader
Plays For Time****Stalling On French Request**

Paris, Mar. 25.
The 70-year-old Bey of Tunis tonight played for time in the face of a French call for the dismissal of the Government of disturbed Tunisia, according to usually reliable quarters here.

France accused the Government — headed by Mohamed Chenik and including members of the Nationalist Neo Destour Party — of having in fact, if not in intention, fomented unrest in Tunisia.

M. Jean de Hautecloque, French Resident-General in Tunisia, put the French Government's request to the Bey Sid Ali Mohammed Alamin, at a dramatic half-hour interview at the Ham-Lil Palace near Tunis.

The Bey conferred with the Cabinet for two hours and then sent a note to the French Residency.

Its contents were not disclosed, but usually reliable quarters said that he did not give a clear-cut reply to the demand for the dismissal of the 18-month-old Government.

Tunisia has been sporadically troubled by disturbances since it broke out in January when the French seized certain Communist and nationalist leaders and banished them from the main cities. The French accused them of planning to go ahead with a banned rally.

All the Ministers of the Chenik Cabinet, except two who are in Paris, were at the Palace interview today but only the Resident and the Bey spoke.

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New Tyre Factory

Caracas, Mar. 25.
Mr. Harvey Firestone, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., announced today that his company has completed plans to erect a \$4,500,000 tyre and tube factory in Valencia, Venezuela. — United Press.

The results are due on Thursday morning. — Reuter.

PO**A New Hazard
For Motorists**

IPOB, Mar. 25.
An additional road hazard for Malayans motorists has come to light. Seven soldiers were injured when their three-ton truck skidded and rammed a coconut tree by the roadside, causing a salvo of coconuts to rain down on their heads.

The soldiers, four of whom are British, were sent to hospital. — Reuter.

**Atom Ship's
Engine
Designed**

London, Mar. 25.
British atom experts have completed blueprints for the first atom-powered ship's engine and are awaiting the Government's go-ahead signal to build the first model.

It is planned to produce, at first, an atom-powered engine suitable for fitting in submarines.

The atom engine will be, in effect, a miniature atom pile such as is used in atomic energy stations.

If the approval of the Government is obtained, the experts hope to have the first prototype engine ready by next summer. But it will be three or four years before atom engines will be used in sea-going vessels.

The blueprints for the atom engine were worked out by an undisclosed industrial combine while the Admiralty was concerned with designing the envisaged atom-propelled ships.

The plan foresees an engine with almost unlimited durability and of its fuel lasting up to 30 years.

One of the problems on which work is still in progress is to reduce the weight of the protective shield surrounding the core of the atom pile. — United Press.

**RUBBER LAW
EXTENDED**

Washington, Mar. 25.
The Supreme Court cleared the way today for a re-trial of a former Commerce Department economist, Mr. William W. Remington, on charges of perjury stemming from alleged Communist connections.

Remington's legal tangle, the High Court rejected an appeal in which Mr. Remington had asked for the outright acquittal of his year-old conviction. He had already won an order for another trial on the same indictment in an Appeals Court on August 22, 1951.

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**ELECTIONS IN
ERITREA**

Asmara, Mar. 25.
Strong Police precautions were taken here today when Eritreans crowded the polls for their first general election.

The voting, to choose a temporary Assembly for the approval of a draft constitution, implements a United Nations resolution under which Eritrea, a former Italian Colony, will become an autonomous State federated to Ethiopia.

Large numbers of the 13,700 electors queued in orderly fashion from an early hour, when polling started in the seven Asmara constituencies where 17 candidates are standing.

The results are due on Thursday morning. — Reuter.

27 Thurs. "Halls of Montezuma"

28 Fri. "Pagan Love Song"

29 Sat. "Painting The Clouds with Sunshine"

30 Sun. "Since You Went Away.."

31 Mon. "This Love of Ours.."

Apr. 1 Tues. "Lost Boundaries.."

2 Wed. "Curtain Call at Cactus Creek."

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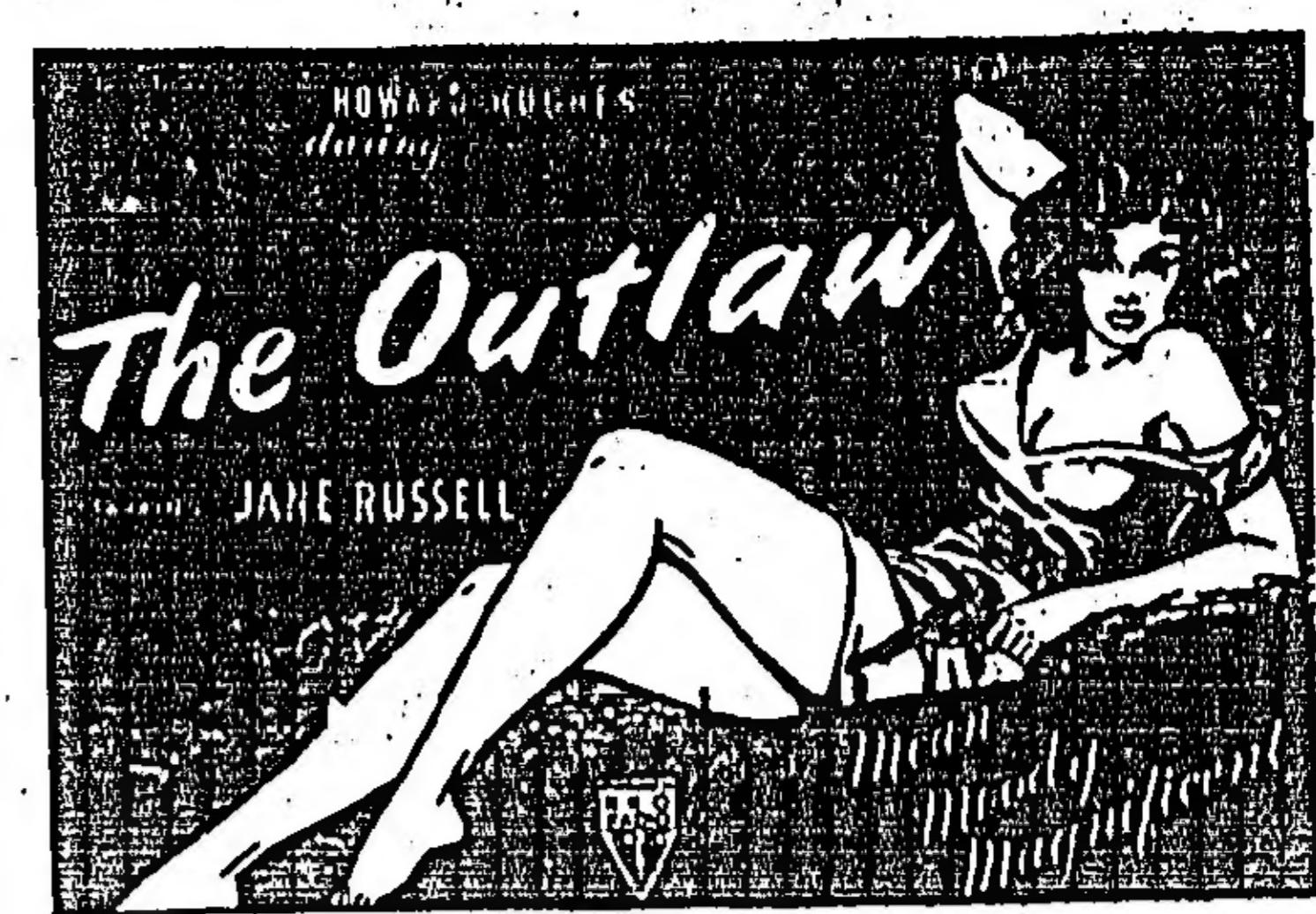
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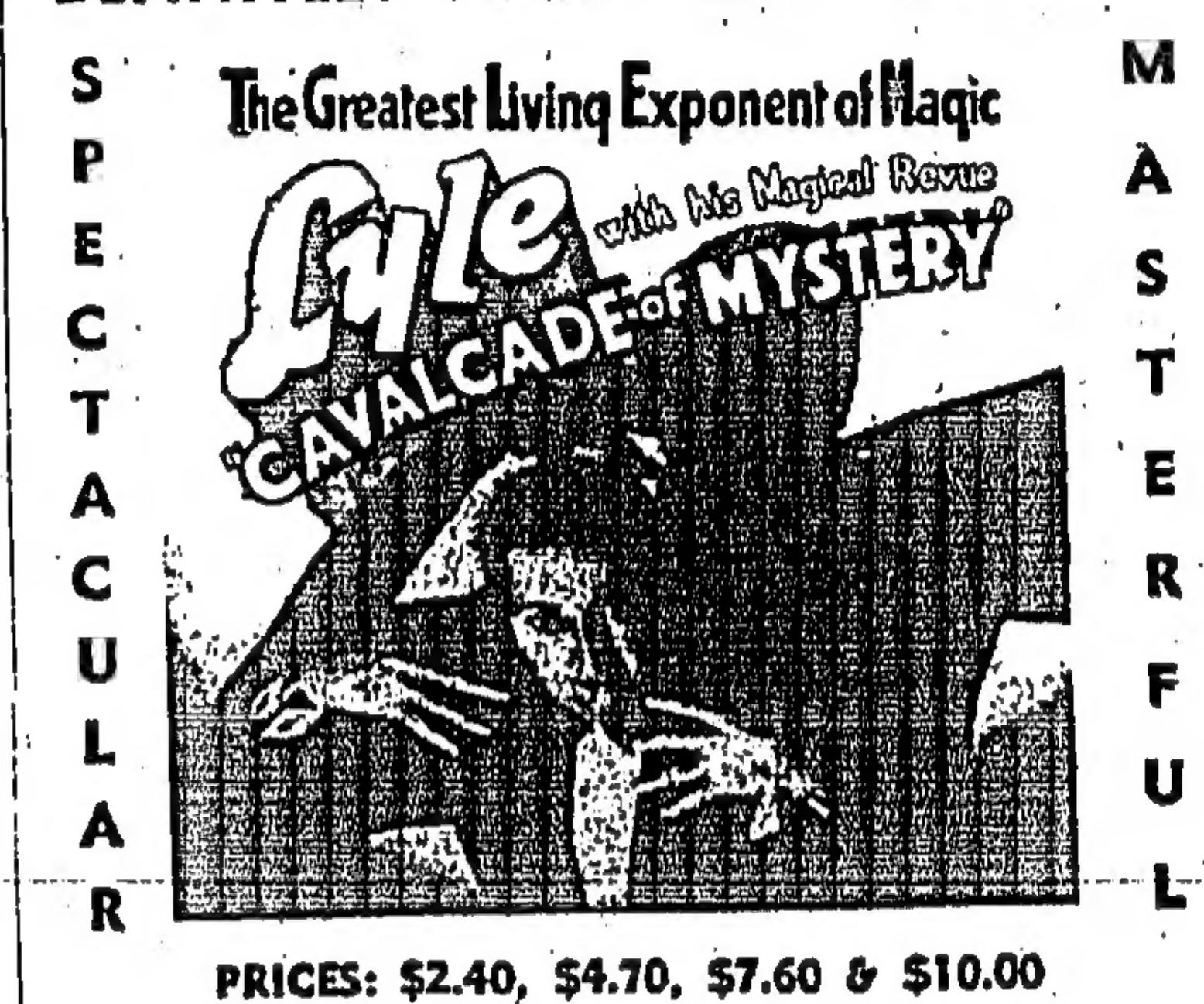
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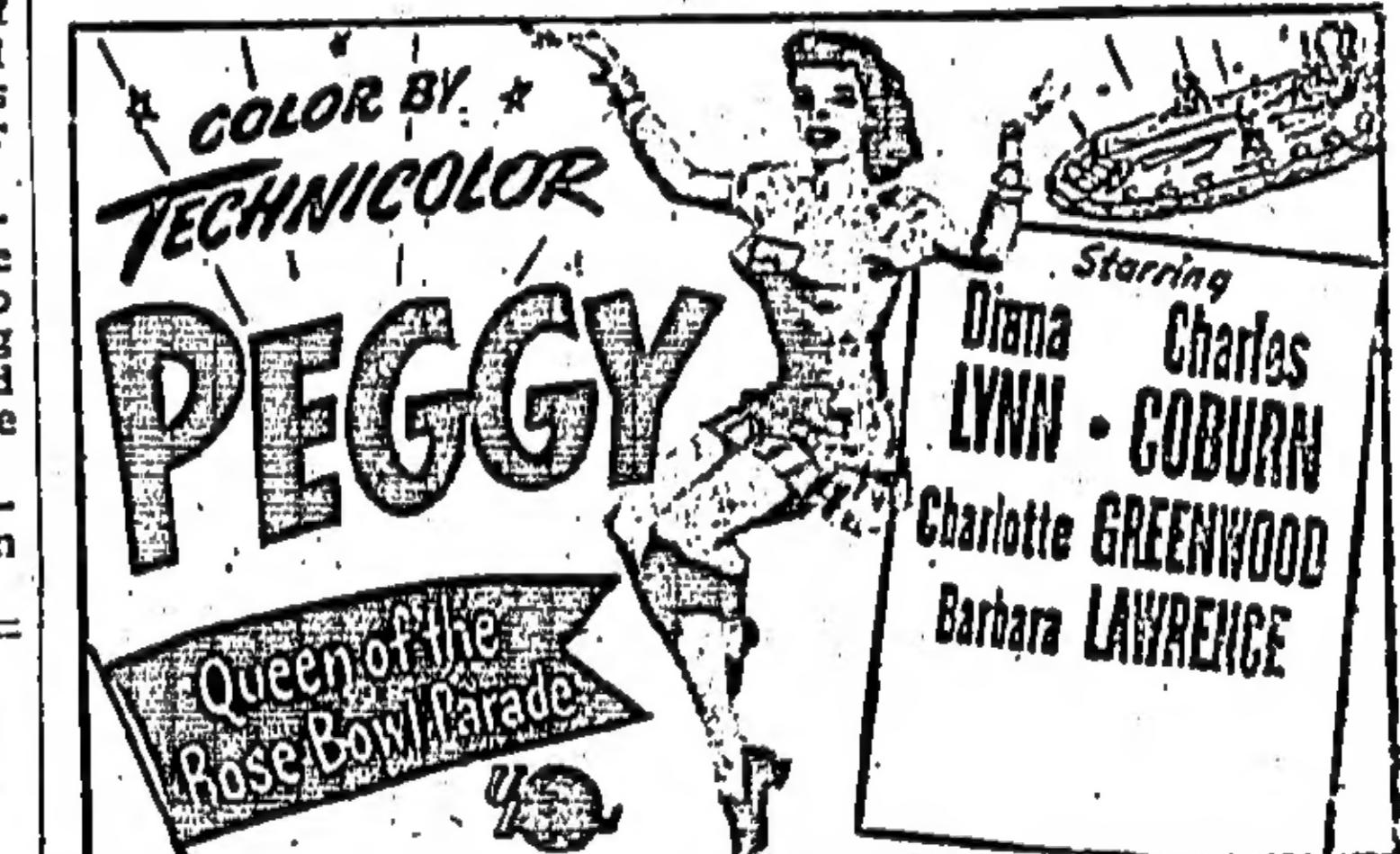


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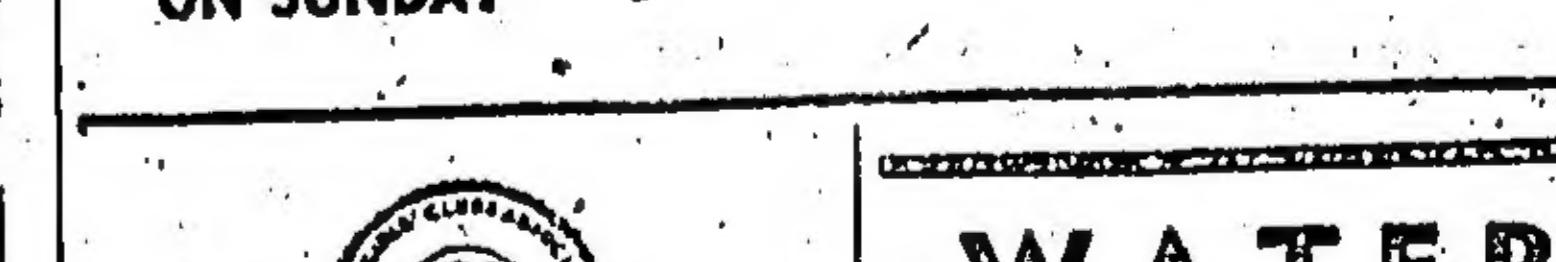
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Desperate Fight For Life

Frankfurt, Mar. 25. Doctors are today desperately fighting for the life of Dr Paul Schaumburg, of Germany, one of the three survivors of the Dutch plane which crashed here on Saturday and in which 44 people were killed.

The doctors have little hope that Dr Schaumburg, who has developed pneumonia in addition to the injuries he had sustained, will survive. He is still in a deep coma.

His wife and his sister, a nun who has been caring for him almost since he was brought to the hospital, are at his bedside.

The condition of the stewardess of the plane, the only surviving member of the 10 crew members, was today reported to be still critical.

The third survivor, Mrs Ruth Hemm of Germany, was said to be improving steadily.

The bodies of the dead have been taken to Frankfurt's central mortuary where a memorial service will be held on Thursday afternoon.

The Dutch-American-German Commission investigating the cause of the crash still had no definite clue tonight, a member said.

KLM officials declined to give information about the nine kilograms of gold which have been missing since the crash.

There had been 500 kilogrammes of South African gold, destined for Paris, Zurich and Amsterdam, on board, but nine-kilogramme bars were reported as not being accounted for by yesterday.—Reuter.

German Debt Conference Extended

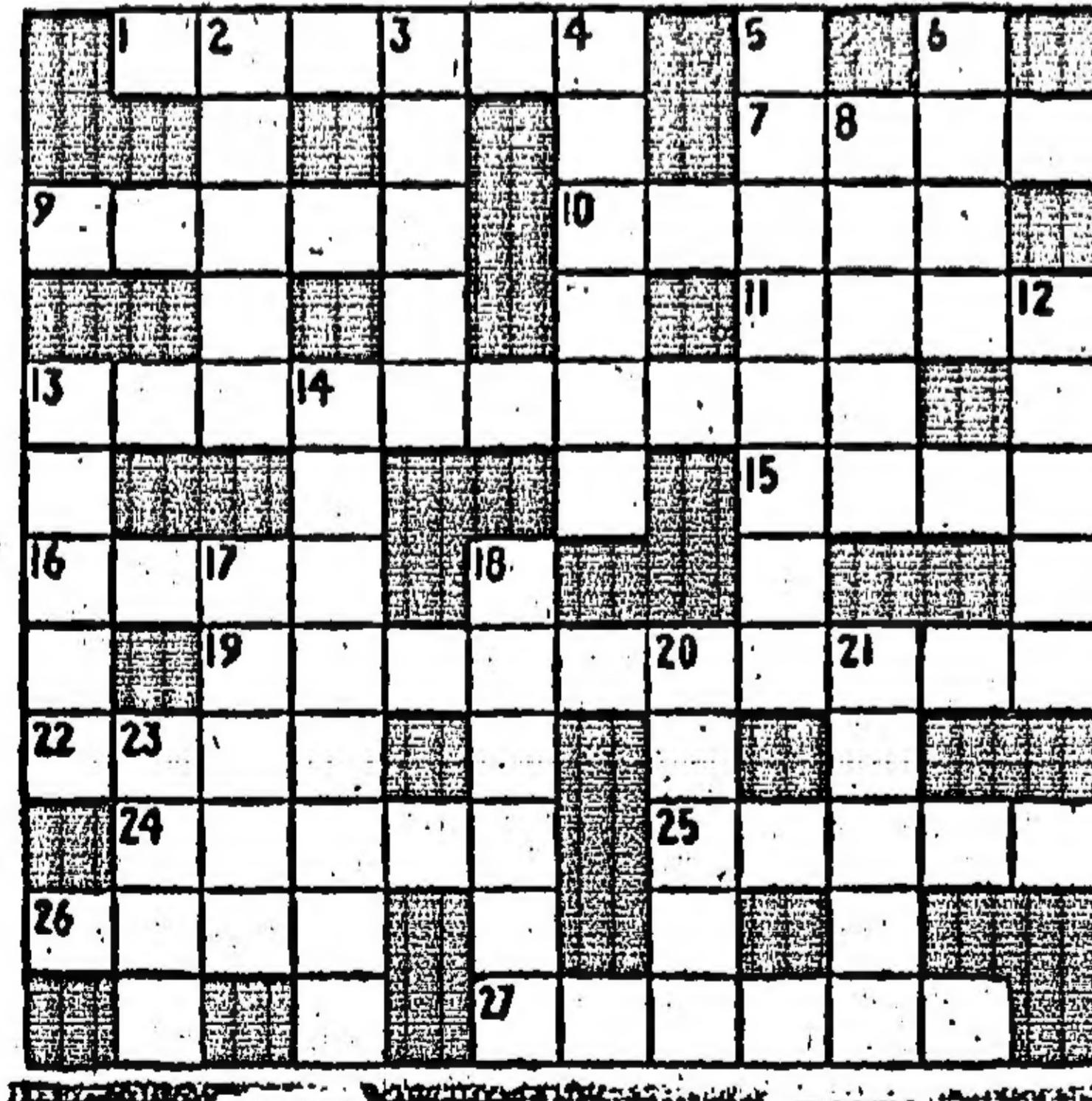
London, Mar. 25. The 28-nation conference for settling Germany's external debts, which was originally planned to end by the end of April, may now take several more weeks to complete its work.

No definite date for the conclusion of the talks has yet been fixed. This will depend on the Easter recess to be fixed shortly by the 21-member Steering Committee.

The recess may be a long one—about a fortnight or three weeks—to enable the 150 representatives at the talks to have detailed consultations on progress with their governments.

The creditors' and debtors' had private discussions today on questions relating to industrial bonded debts and commercial and miscellaneous debts.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Sliced (6).
- Bar (4).
- Form (6).
- Implements (5).
- Ditch surrounding castle (4).
- Likening to (10).
- Drop from the eye (4).
- Ripped (4).
- Personally concerned (10).
- Facts (4).
- Coppers (6).
- Once more (6).
- Repose (4).
- International agreement (6).
- DOWN**
- Scare (5).
- Panorama (5).
- In custody (6).
- Advances (8).
- Passport endorsement (4).
- Soldary (5).
- Weary (5).
- Quoted (6).
- Flags (8).
- Ceremonies (6).
- Respectable (6).
- Manage to dodge (5).
- Personal characteristic (5).
- Summit (4).
- Hockey (4).
- Remove (8).
- Soup (12).
- Counter (15).
- Treat (10).
- Epee (17).
- Towel (10).
- Dossier (21).
- Chair (23).
- Stain (24).
- Greed (25).
- Recess (12).
- Computer (11).
- Career (9).
- Prestige (11).
- Cater (12).
- Tolerate (14).
- Retreats (18).
- Poster (22).

Progress In Discussions On Trieste

London, Mar. 25. A Foreign Office statement said tonight that some progress was made at a meeting today between the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the Italian Ambassador, Signor Mario Brosio, on the Trieste situation.

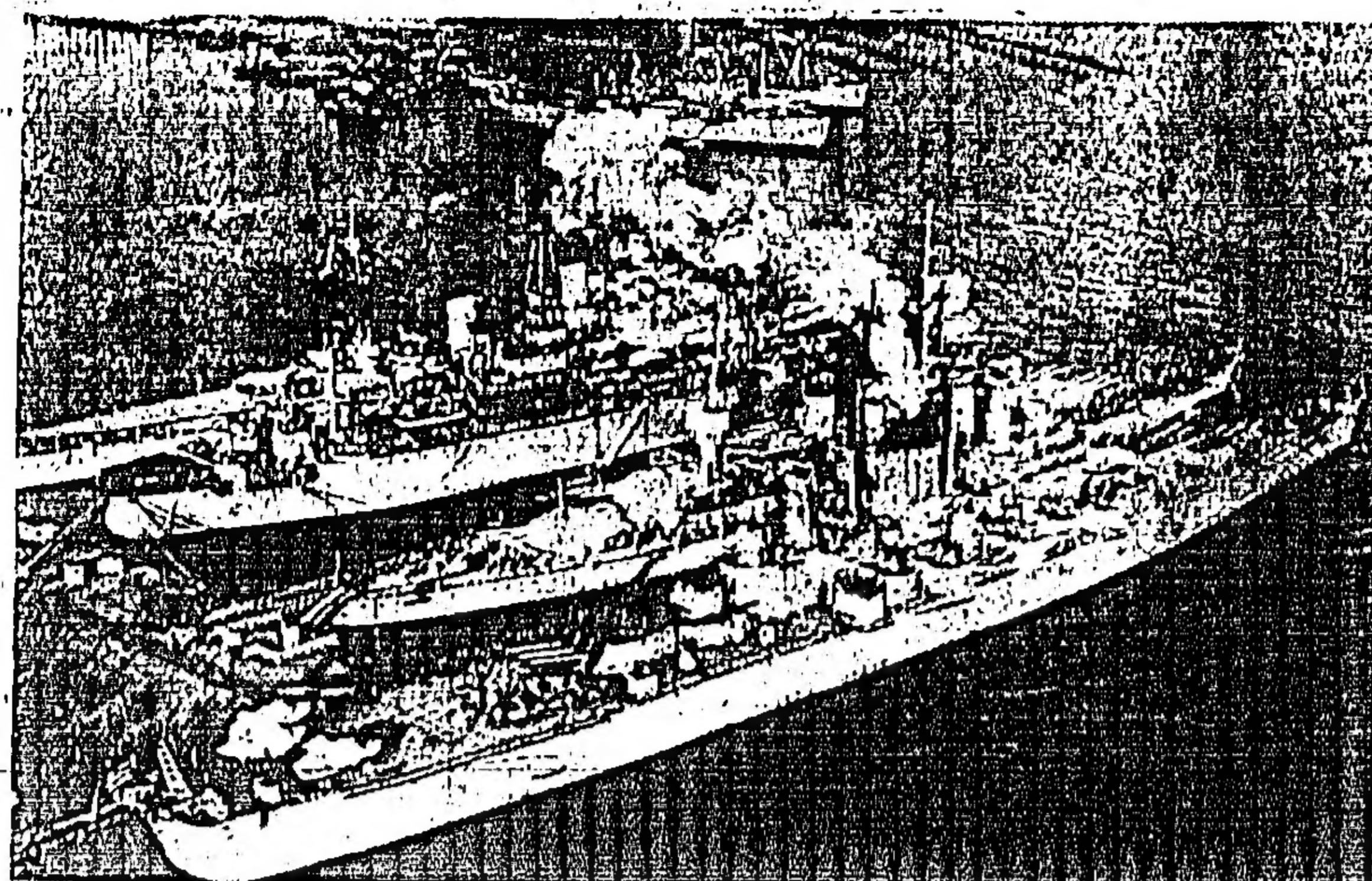
The Italian Ambassador paid his second call on Mr Eden two days to discuss the anti-British demonstrations in the port.

Tonight's statement said that there would be further discussions, though no date had been fixed for them.

Diplomatic quarters here thought that Signor Brosio had made certain proposals to Mr Eden designed to improve the situation in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste, and that the proposals were now being examined in both London and Washington.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1. Hockey, 4. Crack, 7. Remove, 8. Scare, 10. Soup, 12. Counter, 15. Treat, 10. Epee, 17. Towel, 20. Dossier, 21. Chair, 23. Stain, 24. Sahara, 25. Greed, 26. Recess, Down: 1. Hurried, 2. Computer, 3. Envy, 5. Recanted, 6. Career, 9. Poster, 11. Prestige, 12. Cater, 13. Tolerate, 14. Retreats, 18. Poster, 22. Fale.

Warships Of Three Nations



Warships of three of the four Allied Powers that recently participated in the Western Mediterranean naval training exercises seen moored side-by-side at a Naples pier. From front to rear they are the U.S.S. Newport News, the Italian Andrew Doria, the U.S.S. Adirondack and H.M.S. Liverpool.—Express Service.

GRUENTHER ON WAR IN INDO-CHINA

Washington, Mar. 25. The NATO Chief of Staff, General Alfred Gruenther, stated today that the Indo-China war was one of the problems which confronted SEATO and which bore on the implementation of the NATO programme.

He made this statement in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee while stressing the need for the total amount of the Mutual Security Aid programme requested by the Government.

General Gruenther told the Committee that the prospects of the Indo-China war were not very good. The war had cost 30,000 fatal casualties to France and she had some 140,000 troops stationed there, including 40,000 officers and non-commissioned officers. These were excellent elements whose absence was keenly felt in the Western re-armament effort. The upkeep of these French forces in a distant theatre of operations was a heavy burden upon the French economy.

The French effort in Indo-China, he said, was the best reply to those who are asking whether the French are willing to fight.—Franco-Presse.

"RANSOMS" PAID FOR RELEASE OF AMERICANS

Washington, Mar. 25. The Treasury said today that it had agreed to let 11 business firms and two missionary organisations pay about \$800,000 in "ransom" to Red China in return for the freedom of a dozen Americans held there.

The assistant general counsel, Elting Arnold, said that only four of the 12 Americans have been released. The release of others was expected, he added.

Mr. Arnold said the ransom represented legitimate debts of various church and business interests in China, but the Treasury holds licence power over all commercial or financial deals involving United States firms with Communist China.

The Secretary of Treasury, Mr John Snyder, said the Treasury decided to approve the licence system of payment when it appeared that a refusal might endanger the lives of the Americans.

He wrote his views to Senator William Knowland, who asked earlier for information on the future.

The reply, entered by Senator Knowland in the Congressional record, said that 20 or more American organisations and US citizens or other non-Chinese employees in Communist China, when this Government stopped trade with the Red regime in December, 1950.

URGENT REQUESTS

The Treasury declined to identify either the individuals, 10 businessmen and two missionaries, or the organisations involved. Mr. Arnold said that all are reputable."

Their home offices, he said, made urgent requests for Treasury authority to pay money in return for quick freedom of the individuals.

The Department approved the principle of paying legitimate Chinese debts as a means of getting Americans out of Communist hands.

Since the licences were issued, the Treasury added another requirement that American hostages be released to non-Communist areas such as Hong Kong before the Chinese get the money.

No licences have been granted since this proviso was added.—United Press.

Deserter Sergeant To Marry

London, Mar. 25. A British staff-sergeant and his fiancée for whom he deserted the Army for five years sat holding hands in a room in the married quarters of Woolwich Barracks talking over their future.

A few hours earlier a Cheshire court-martial Staff-Sergeant Henry Reginald Hall, 37, of the R.A.C., pleaded guilty to deserting in Battaglia, Italy, in January 1947 until he gave himself up to the British Consul in January this year.

He was sentenced, subject to confirmation, to be reduced to the rank of corporal.

Small, dapper Staff-Sergeant Hall, who volunteered in 1940 and served throughout the war with excellent character, told the court he fell in love with Signora Adele Delaurens. He wanted to marry her and work in Italy.

He applied to be demobilised in Italy, but there was a delay in his application going through. Three days before he was due for demobilisation he was posted to another unit. He did not go. He got a job in a boot factory.

After a year he had enough money to buy a small boot business of his own, but even then he could not get married. No priest would marry them because he had no civil status.

He gave himself up, then brought his fiancée to Britain and surrendered to the civilian police.

Sergeant Hall said: "The first thing we are going to do is to get married. At last we can publish the banns."

But their happiness depends on what the G.O.C. London District, Brigadier W. M. Sale, thinks of the case. Under Army Law Staff-Sergeant Hall should serve the years he was a deserter again in the Army.

The court-martial president told Hall that the G.O.C. might, from the circumstances in the case, find he can order his release and not make him forfeit his years of service.—Associated Press.

Commonwealth Comes First, UK Delegate Reiterates In Paris

Paris, Mar. 25. Britain today told 16 countries debating a "green pool" plan for uniting Europe's farmers that she could not become a full member of a purely European agricultural authority.

"We cannot enter into new relationships with Europe which are incompatible with our Commonwealth relations," said Mr Anthony Nutting, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The "green pool" conference, aimed at uniting Europe's farmers in a single organisation and a customs-free market, was opened here today by the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in the presence of Cabinet Ministers from 16 European countries.

M. Schuman stressed that after the coal and steel pool and the European defence community, the green pool represented another stone in the edifice of a united Europe.

The conference unanimously elected as its chairman M. Pierre Pflimlin, who as Agriculture Minister two years ago was the French author and promoter of the green pool idea.

Today's proceedings were mainly concerned with fixing an agenda for the next three days meetings.

The conference is purely exploratory. The exchange of views is to determine what practicable measures of farming rationalisation and freeing of markets can be undertaken right away and what must be left for later phases.

When this has been decided a conference of experts will be called to work out details.

FRENCH SUGGESTION

This conference had before it a French memorandum outlining possible lines of approach. It suggests that the first stage should be confined to a common organisation for certain farm products starting by those which would provoke least difficulties.

"British agriculture also has a special place in our economy. For these and other reasons we cannot become full members of a purely European agricultural authority, the aim of which is to establish a single European market."

"If it proves impossible for the United Kingdom to participate fully and actively in the making of the European agricultural authority, we shall wish to find effective ways of associating ourselves as closely as possible with any new institutions which may emerge and which may serve in a political way to forge another link in the chain of European unity."

"I hope to be able to indicate the extent and nature of the United Kingdom's relationship to an agricultural authority when our work has developed further"—Reuter.

Income Tax Experts For Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 25. Income tax experts from the Board of Inland Revenue in the United Kingdom are to help combat income tax evasion in Malaya.

The High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Templer, announcing their coming arrival to the Federal Legislative Council, also proposed the appointment of a panel of unofficial advisers to instruct the Malayan revenue authorities on the assessment of various trades and businesses.

A large section of the Asian business community is believed to be evading income tax.

At present only one in 500 in the Federation of Malaya and one in 100 in Singapore pay income tax, according to official statistics.—Associated Press.

Tokyo Explains Scheme For Security Force

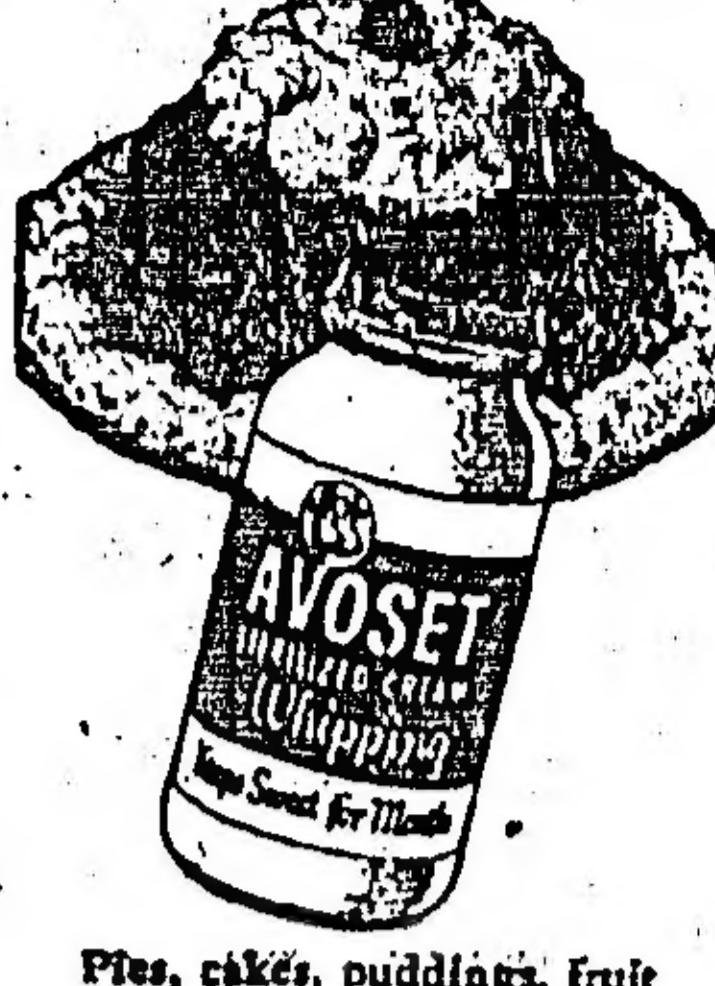
Tokyo, Mar. 25. No reserve duties have been considered either for the existing National Police Reserve or the security force into which the N.P.R. will be developed, the State Minister, Takeo Ohshita, declared today, in reply to a question by a Leftist Socialist before the Sub-Committee of the Upper House Budget Committee.

Mr Ohshita also explained that under the proposed security force scheme, State Minister will be appointed Director-General of the prospective Security Board.

An Inspector-General's office will be established for overall control of both the land and sea security forces, he predicted.

The Inspector-General will be responsible for enforcement of

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Bangkok, Mar. 25. King Phumiphon Aduladej last night called on Premier Phibul Songgram to head a new Government under the changed constitution which went into effect on March 8.

The National Assembly earlier had unanimously endorsed the Premier. He is expected to call upon most of the present Cabinet to continue serving. Observers said, however, that he would be under pressure from the military to appoint more leaders of the so-called coup d'état party as Ministers.

The new constitution is an amended version of one originally adopted in 1932, when a bloodless revolution ended Thailand's absolute monarchy. It is considerably less liberal than the constitution thrown out after the coup d'état of last Nov. 20.

At yesterday's Assembly meeting four names, including those of two Thai strong men, General Phra Chunhavong and Police Lieutenant-General Phao Driyanond, were proposed for the Premiership but all asked that their names be withdrawn, —Associated Press.

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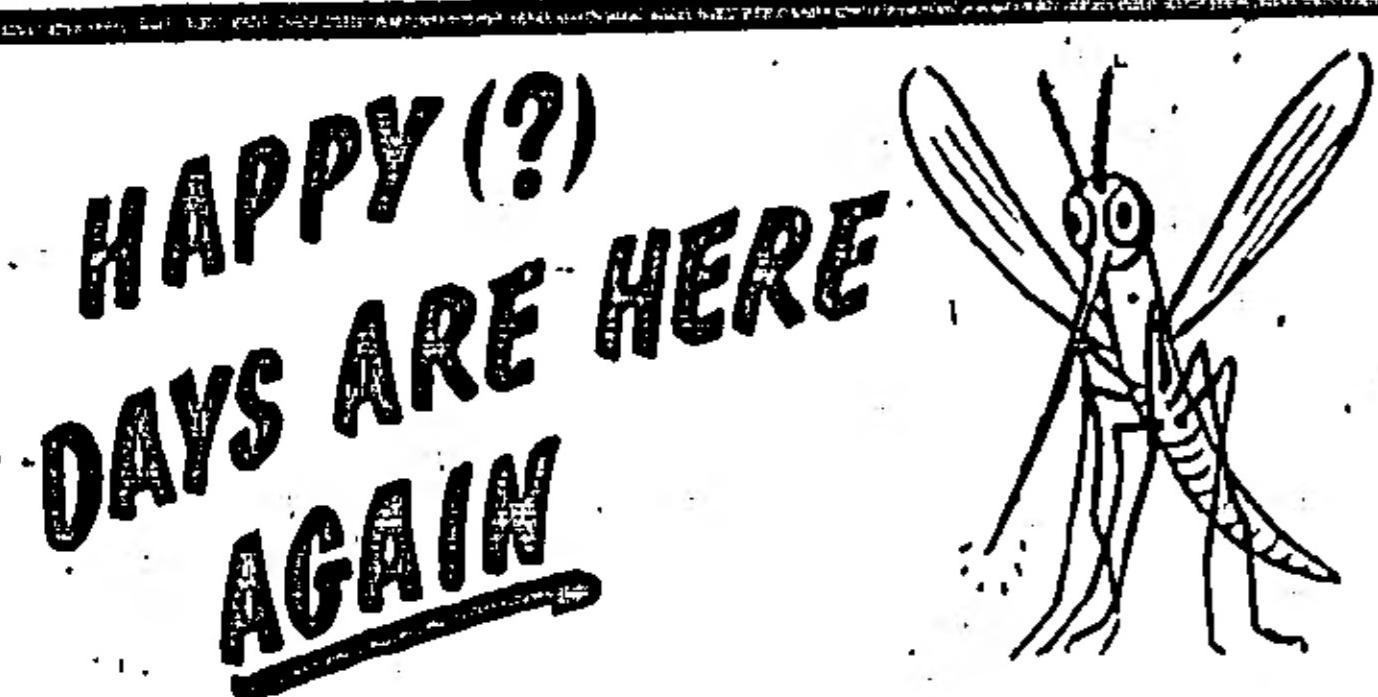
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Sitting on the Fence . . . by Nathaniel Gubbins

IT is reported that, at Seacox Heath, Flimwell, Kent, country club of the Soviet diplomats, they entertain each other at week-ends with the balalaika and charades.

Here is a charade they might do in the manner of the 19th century Russian dramatists.

CAST: Natasha and Olga (two sisters), Ivan, Uncle Vanya and a Village Idiot.

SCENE: A Russian country house in mid-winter. Natasha hates Olga because Olga loves Ivan. Olga hates

Natasha because Natasha loves Ivan. Ivan hates both of them. Uncle Vanya hates them all. The Village Idiot hates everybody, everywhere.

NATASHA: The snow is still falling.

OLGA: I hate the snow. It is always falling.

NATASHA: Not in the summer time.

OLGA: Do you want to drive me mad with your imbecile remarks?

NATASHA: Yes.

(Enter Ivan.)

IVAN: The snow is still falling.

OLGA: How I love the snow.

NATASHA: It is so beautiful.

OLGA: The snow is always falling.

IVAN: Not in the summer time.

OLGA: Oh, how true. How simple, but how true.

NATASHA: Only the greatest minds can say wonderful things like that.

OLGA: Ivan, you should have been a writer. I always said so.

NATASHA: I said first.

(Enter Uncle Vanya.)

UNCLE VANYA: The snow is still falling.

IVAN: The snow is always falling.

UNCLE VANYA: Not in the summer time.

OLGA: What a stupid remark.

NATASHA: Uncle Vanya is so tedious.

(Enter a Village Idiot.)

VILLAGE IDIOT: The snow is still falling.

THE OTHERS (shouting):

The snow is always falling.

VILLAGE IDIOT (shouting back): Not in the summer time.

OLGA and NATASHA (together): I can't bear this any more.

UNCLE VANYA: It is intolerable.

IVAN: Let's shoot somebody.

OLGA: Shoot me before I go mad.

NATASHA: Me first.

IVAN: Let me do it. I hate them both.

UNCLE VANYA: No. Let me.

I hate you all. Then I can shoot you too.

VILLAGE IDIOT: Let me do it. I hate everybody.

(He shoots the lot.)

VILLAGE IDIOT: They are all dead and I am alive. Yet they called me an idiot.

All the same, you may have mistaken his motive.

A plain girl I knew was once chased by a determined young man for weeks on end. When he called, she locked herself in her room. Her father slammed the front door in his face. If she met him in the street, she jumped into a taxi.

When he cornered her at last, it turned out that she had borrowed his cigarette lighter on their first meeting.

He only wanted it back:

"Can a man be sincere who savors her hand? In love at first glimpse of me and pursues me madly before he knows anything about me?" — girl asks a newspaper.

WHAT a tiresome, ungrateful girl you must be, dear. Instead of wasting the time of busy editors asking them silly questions, you ought to consider yourself lucky that anybody is chasing you madly in these unromantic days.

For where are the men who pursue women madly now? Where are the young Lochinvars who would snatch a girl from her father's house in the middle of her bridal feast to save her from marriage to a laggard in love and a dastard in war?"

You will not find them on the stage or screen except in a costume piece, or, occasionally, in some dirty little melodrama in which romance plays no part. If you found them in real life they would probably end up in the police court.

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Moreover, I think you might have given less fortunate girls some details of the chase. For instance, is it snarling and primitive? Does he pounce on you in the street, grab you by the hair and drag you, howling, into the nearest milk bar? Or is it a happy-go-lucky pursuit like Harpo Marx chasing a blonde through a set in Hollywood?

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—(London Express Service)

Maxim Litvinov, Former Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, saw

NO CHANCE OF A RUSSIAN REVOLT

By RICHARD C. HOTTELET

DURING my extraordinary interview with Maxim Litvinov, he dismissed my hope that the world outlook might perhaps not be as bad as he had painted it. His views were positive and emphatic.

In Litvinov's opinion, Stalin's death would not alter the course of Soviet policy. Nor did he seriously consider the possibility that pressure inside Russia could change the government or its objectives by revolution.

There is perhaps no more sensitive subject in Russia than the person of Stalin. His name is seldom mentioned without an attitude that approaches awe. Put bluntly, Stalin is the closest thing to God recognised by the Soviet state.

The propaganda machine does not acknowledge that Stalin will one day die. When my conversation with Litvinov on that hot June day in 1948 turned to the prospects after Stalin's death and the chances of revolution I began to sweat in earnest.

The August name of Stalin was never mentioned by either of us. Nor did Litvinov use the words "revolution" and "Russia" in the same sentence. But I was well aware that if the room were wired for sound, only a low grade moron would fail to get the point in the first ten seconds.

The matter of succession came up in this way. Litvinov had described the outlook as bad, had expressed the opinion that differences between East and West seemed to have gone too far to be reconciled. He had established the root cause as Moscow's belief in inevitable conflict between the Communist and capitalist worlds. He had deplored the Kremlin's "conservatism" and its adherence to the idea of security in terms of square miles.

I should have asked him about the partisans in Russia, but I remember not wanting to do any prodding which might bring him up short in this dangerous discussion.

Litvinov went back to public opinion.

"I often wonder," he declared, "when I read reports of British and American correspondents who say, 'The Russian people think so and so,' what people?"

"On the other hand," he mused, "by following what the propaganda machine puts into men's minds one can judge what any thinking is likely to arrive at."

I thought I might point out that popular revolution against a determined dictatorship is indeed difficult, but what about a coup d'état inside the ruling clique?

"No," Litvinov replied, "even for a palace revolution one would need the support of the army and the police."

I began to discuss Germany. Litvinov declared: "Of all the single problems in the world today Germany is the greatest problem."

He dismissed the question with a wave of his hand.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

George Gives A Tooth
For An Eye

NORTH	♦ KQJ5
	♦ 872
WEST	♦ K65
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SOUTH (D)	♦ 4
	♦ AKQJ1043.
	♦ 342
	♦ AK
Both sides vul.	
South	Pass
West	Pass
North	Pass
East	Pass
3♥	Pass
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4♥	Pass
	Pass
Opening lead—J	

By OSWALD JACOBY

"I CAN'T bear to watch that sort of things," said the old gentleman. "It was obvious that he had been watching Generous George, so I walked over to the table and got the full hand from George."

West opened the Jack of clubs, and George won with the King. He laid down the rest of his hand judiciously, and switched to a spade when he discovered that East had all the trumps.

East took the ace of spades at once (fortunately for him) and returned a club to South's ace. George now made the play that drove the old gentleman muttering under the table. West led a spade, and George heard from his hand, allowing East to win a trick with the nine of hearts.

This was a weird play, considering the fact that George had 150 honours in trumps. Nevertheless, it clinched the contract.

East returned the queen of clubs and George led a spade. He led the four of hearts to dummy's eight, thus acquiring an entry to dummy. Now he could cash the king and queen of spades, discarding diamonds from his own hand.

George had given up a trump trick to enter the dummy, but he had planned two spade tricks in exchange. Generous George was always willing to give up one trick in order to get two tricks for it.

If South had drawn trumps normally, the contract would then depend on winning a diamond trick. The diamonds happened to be badly placed, and George would have lost three diamonds—and his game contract.

CARD INDEX

Q.—The bidding has been:
West North East South
I Heart Double Pass Go

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-6-3,
Hearts 5-4-3-2. What do you do?

A.—Old Irons' spade. The takeout double of one major suit guarantees support for the other major suit. Since you are sure of a spade fit, there is no advantage in showing your hand. If clubs are your suit in which you prefer to respond in a four-card suit and to suppress the five-card suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-7-3; Hearts 8-4; Diamonds Q-Q-3; Clubs K-Q-6-3-2. What do you do?

(Answer Tomorrow)

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By T. O. HARE

FORTNIGHT cycled from London to Sutton and returned by car in half the time he had taken on his bicycle. His double journey, but not cycled at one mile per hour less than Fortnight and, in fact, took only an hour faster than Fortnight. His time for the double journey exceeded Fortnight's time by one per cent.

At what speed did Pothur cycle?

London Express Service.

(Solution on Page 10)

Check Your Knowledge

- To what group of islands does Fiji Island belong?
- What is the longest cell?
- Rococo is (a) a richness in tapestry (b) a type of Persian carpet (c) extravagant ornamentation?
- What is the Privy Seal?
- Name the prismatic colours.
- What is a menhaden?

(Answers on Page 10)

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A REMARKABLE performance by a singing mouse has startled the experts. I see no need for astonishment. The explanation of this, as of pretty well everything today, is drugs.

I expect that mouse's whiskers were steeped in hashish, and when the effect of the stimulant had worn off, probably sang like any other mouse—which is not saying much. How long will it be before schoolboys who race tortoises will be able to get hold of something to make the favourite go more slowly?

Answer to challenge

DEAR Sirs,
As the trainer of Mr Evans, I am instructed to acknowledge your letter containing a challenge to Mr Evans to appear on your platform next week. I will do so if my master's status does not permit him to be associated with professionals. If it were a question of a mere exhibition, I dare say that, for reasons which I cannot disclose, Miss Julia Wetherbucker might be approached.

Yours faithfully,

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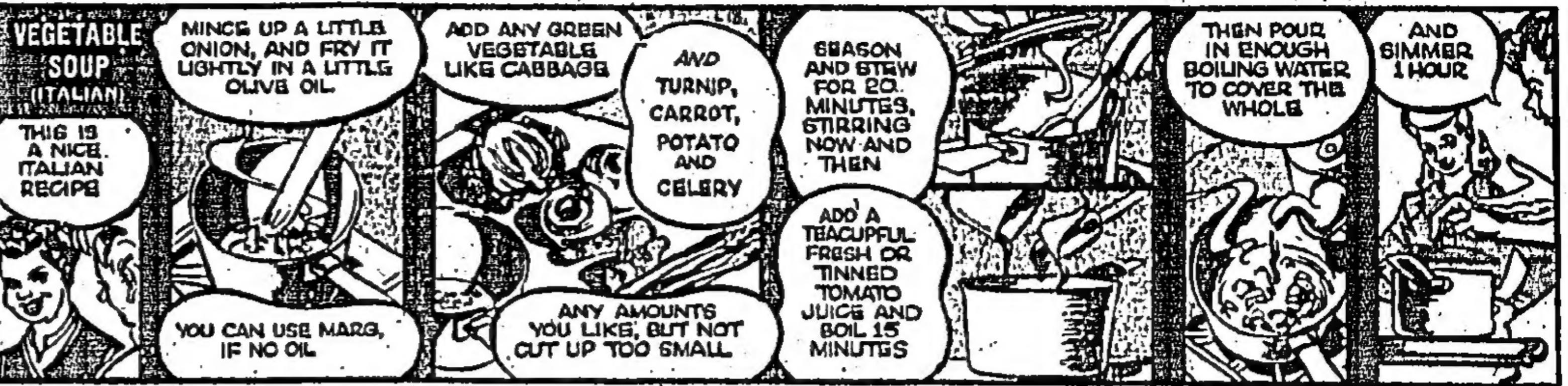
Papuan folk-song

"THERE are advantages," writes a little fellow, "in being very small. Of course there are. There is a song they sing among the

people here, 'In being very small, you're safe from the world's trouble.'

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

BORN today, you have a deep, rather shrewd and eminently practical nature. You have a good head for business and an excellent memory. You have an analytical mind, and a sharp tongue when it comes to settling the boyish ways of others. Despite the fact that you are considered something of a know-it-all, when you meet a new person, listen. The older may hurt, but the essential truth tends to make eventual friends who are real frankness, open and frank, then select one of the creative arts as a hobby to satisfy that side of your nature.

To find what the stars have in store for you now, select your birth date and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MARCH 27

PIRATES (Feb. 28-Mar. 20)—LURIA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make definite plans for your future. Make definite plans for your future. Perhaps it's vacation arrangements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Keep up your important correspondence. Don't let anyone forget those who are far away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If someone at the office is having a helping hand, see if you can't offer a helping hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Now is the time to promote a new idea.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May. 20)—Don't be afraid to make new responsibilities. New responsibilities may be offered you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Even if not entirely convinced that some offered advice is right, you should follow it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Do your work well, and you will receive the proper rewards now. Take what is coming to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Keep calm and don't let your temper even if best-laid plans go awry today. Just change them!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—You may imagine you have been blinded. Don't hold a grudge. Forgive and forget; begin again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—If you are not entirely convinced that some offered advice is right, you should follow it.

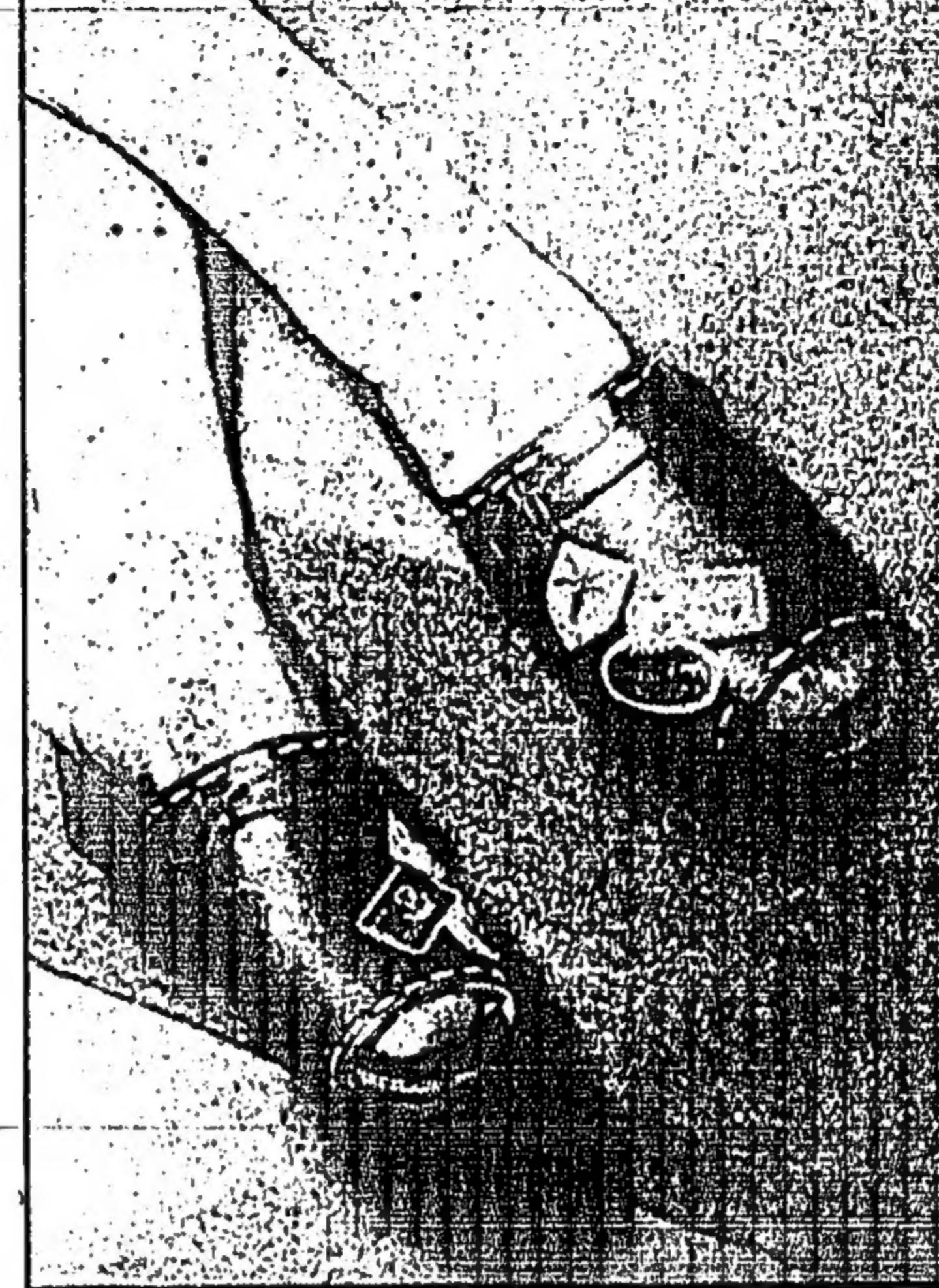
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Get an early start this morning and get all important work finished before noon. Then relax.

PIRATES (Feb. 28-Mar. 20)—They are in tawny-coloured leather, decorated with leather emblems coloured and printed to resemble luggage labels. (Reuterphoto)

Travelling Sandals



New touch in footwear is.

the pair of Syrian-style sandal pictured here and seen recently in Paris fashion shows.

They are in tawny-coloured leather, decorated with leather emblems coloured and printed to resemble luggage labels. (Reuterphoto)

FEATURES NOTED AT PARIS SPRING SHOW

Paris. of the same colour. Black on white prints and small black and white checks are a fashionable favourite.

• SKIRTS is the big fabric success of the season, but cotton comes into the picture, too, and so do rough wool tweeds. White organdie is the rage.

Some of the most startling style details of the season which, on the whole, scrupulously avoided outlandish exaggerations:

• Bustle-backed evening dresses.

• Convertible models which, by a simple switch of a button, let down long skirts or turn their coats for double duty day and night.

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• Swallow-tailed coats with low, loose martingale belts.

• Ribbon bows tied under the chin with streamers to the hem.

• Blouses with romantic, big ruffled sleeves. — Associated Press.

These, at any rate, are the general trends, although photos usually show the most extreme and eccentric models from each collection.

• Grey and beige tones are the most popular daytime colours for spring, with pastel shades for afternoon and evening.

Prints have sold well so far. They run mostly to abstract designs, but several houses, including Dior, like big flower prints or blurry "out of focus" prints in different shades.

FOR FASHION-CONSCIOUS MALES

A DVOCATE of gay clothes for men is Minister of Works Mr David Eccles.

Talking to a Federation of Painting Contractors recently he declared: "It is time we

broke out from the very sombre colours which for a hundred years have been the fashion."

Mr Eccles should be pleased with the pyjama manufacturer who is launching a range of peacock pyjamas for fashion-conscious males.

Highlights of the collection include taffeta pyjama coats with green satin shorts; bright striped coats with elasticised waists; over-once colour trousers; coloured nylon mesh, and black satin jackets faced with dull gold, worn with the new sleeping shorts.

Kock garden hat

MOST eccentric spring hat comes from America. Called "The Rock Garden," it is covered with wax buds and flowers, each permanently perfumed with a different scent.

Household Hints

Putty stains can be removed from glass with turpentine or gasoline. When hard, putty should be painted to match the window sash colour.

If you get caught in a heavy rain that soaks your shoes, firmly stuff the shoes with paper as soon as you take them off, then apply saddle soap. Let the shoes dry with the soap on, away from heat. When shoes are dry, buff and polish. This prevents the leather from becoming stiff.

Mr Punch sighed. "Oh well, you're better at riddles than I am. I don't think you need to study them in school. You know them without any learning." And he sighed again.

But Knarf and Hanid were smiling.

Mr Punch paused and waited for Knarf and Hanid to answer the riddle.

"How well," he continued, "I remember the first riddle my teacher ever taught me. I went like this." And Mr Punch smiled and recited:

"I run, I lie,
I come from the sky.
I'm hot, I'm cold,
I'm new, I'm old,
I sit in a cup,
And I hold the whale up."

Mr Punch looked at Knarf and Hanid and said: "The answer is the SUN!"

More Surprised

Mr Punch looked even more surprised than before. "I don't understand how you got to guess. And I don't suppose either of you will be able to guess before?"

Knarf and Hanid said they hadn't.

"Give us another one—the hardest one of all, Mr Punch," begged Hanid.

This time Mr Punch thought for a long while before he finally looked up. "Very well—here's the hardest riddle of all. If you guess this one you're both really clever." Then he said:

"You and I, we sit when we write,
But me, I stand on my head,
And often—"

But Mr Punch got no further for at that instant Knarf and

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
ANNUAL RACE MEETING
Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday,
29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (36 in all). Through Tickets at \$7.00 each may be obtained at the Comprador's Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investor have left the Counters.

All winning Tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comprador Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comprador Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will post at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

WILL THE HOME FOOTBALL FAN GET BETTER VALUE FOR RAISED PRICES?

Asks TOM FINNEY

By next season it looks as if the spectator will be paying more for his football. The popular idea is that the 1s. 6d. ticket is going to cost 1s. 9d. That certainly seems more likely than a jump of sixpence to 2s. 0d.

If I know anything about football spectators — and I've heard the voices of a few millions in the last six years — many of them are going to say "Let's have better value for the 1s. 9d. than we got for the 1s. 6d." It is a plea which has some justice in it. No footballer would pretend that the game hasn't plenty of scope for refinements — refinements that can easily be obtained.

Who among you likes to see a player arguing with a referee over some decision? And who likes to see a player sulkingly kick the ball yards away, when a free-kick has been awarded against him?

Inter-League Match Today At Dublin

By Peter Ditton

With two exceptions, the Football League team to play the Irish League in Dublin today may be the same as that for the International against Scotland at Hampden on April 5.

This Hampden game is of great importance to England as they need to beat Scotland to share the International Championship with Wales.

The two changes I expect to see from the team doing duty today in Dublin are both at full-back. Ramsey of Tottenham is certain, if fit, to be selected as right-back and will be partnered by either Eckersley of Blackburn or Lionel Smith of Arsenal.

The remainder of the team, Merick, Wright, Frogatt, Dickinson, Flannery, Broadis, Loftus, Pearson and Rowley have only to avoid any gassy mistakes to keep their place in the Hampden line-up.

AN EXPERIMENT
The interesting part about today's side is the experiment of plying Rowley and his club colleague Pearson on the left wing. Rowley has appeared outside-left frequently for Manchester United this season to permit Ashton to lead the attack. But his previous cap for England was gained as a centre-forward against Italy at White Hart Lane two years ago.

The man in most danger of losing his place in the forward line would appear to be Nat Lofthouse, the Bolton centre-forward. His close rival is Jackie Milburn, whose spectacular Cup goals are keeping him in the limelight. But Lofthouse has not yet had a poor game for England and has an immense advantage over Milburn in the air.

Against a not over-strong Irish defence Lofthouse should do sufficient to justify his retention against the Scots.

—(London Express Service)

Jim Peters And Tom Richards To Run In 15-Mile

London, Mar. 25.
J. H. Peters, one of Britain's leading marathon runners, who is likely to be one of the favourites for the Olympic title, is competing in the open 15-miles race of Parliament Hill, London, next Saturday.

Among his rivals is Tom Richards, who was second in the 1948 Olympic Marathon. Several international long-distance runners will also be participating. There are altogether 150 competitors in the race, which also embraces a team contest.

BRILLIANT TRADITIONS

It is on record that Mr Stan Seymour, director of Newcastle United, has proclaimed the

present United to be the best to wear the black-and-white stripes of the club in his time. This is a high tribute indeed. But Mr Seymour, of course, didn't see himself play.

I was talking to two Newcastle fans after our match with Aston Villa last Saturday and they were agreed that the 1924 Cup winners were as good as, if not better than, the 1952 team of Cup semi-finalists.

I don't remember the 1924 team, of course, but if you are an old-timer you will recall those familiar names — Bradley, Hampson, Hespeth, Mooney, Sweeney, Gibson, Low, Cowan, Harris, McDonald, Seymour. As I said last week, the 1952 Newcastle can be just about the most brilliant combination in football. And, on recent form, Spurrs can be bracketed with them.

Maybe football is now so planned that the individual star has fewer chances to shine compared with the old days. But the talent is still to be found in greater quantities than ever before.

You have only to go along to one of the Saturday-morning matches in the English Schools Trophy to see what I mean — sometimes 20,000 people watching football of very great skill. I'm told that this year's boys' international match at Wembley between England and Scotland is likely to be watched by very nearly 80,000 people, which is some indication of the high state of the game among schools.

To sum up, we have everything in our favour to produce better football and, in consequence, better entertainment than ever before. Let's stop those negative practices on the field of play, give encouragement to the individualist and the ball player — and you will cheerfully pay that extra threepence next season.

There is also in my view, perhaps, a greater need in modern football — players who work the ball like artists. Isn't it true that once a ball player, always a ball player? Peter Doherty, now player-manager of Doncaster Rovers, and Jimmy Hagan of Sheffield United, were both playing before the war and as ball players are still in the top flight.

There has been a lot more of the faraway type of inside-forward in first-class football since the war. I heard it mentioned only this week that much of the craft has gone out of first-class football in Scotland in recent years.

This is a pity, for there was nothing better to watch than the traditional Scottish art of the game. It wouldn't be true to say that everything has been sacrificed to speed, because Tottenham Hotspur have shown us that craft and speed can go together. But speed has dominated tactics in some teams to such an extent that persons have had to take second place.

I'm in danger this week of treading the familiar path that the game isn't what it used to be. And that won't do, because I'm certain there are teams today just as good as the best anyone can remember. Not many weeks ago I saw Tommy Harmer, of the Spurs. Here, surely, is a ball player in the top flight.

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Young Players In England's "B" Team

The England "B" side for the match with Holland at Amsterdam today is one of the youngest representative XIs since the war.

Before 1939 such players as Cliff Austin, Stanley Matthews, Tommy Lawton, Raich Carter and Joe Mercer played for England when in their late teens or early twenties.

But since the war the average age of the England side has been nearer thirty than twenty.

Well, balanced side. The "B" team is a well balanced side. The defense is strong and the forward line attractive and capable of goal-producing moves.

The half-back line of Wheeler, Greenwood and Boyd is particularly impressive. Greenwood has been a pillar of strength in the Brentford side this season and may yet gain a full cap.

The forward line should produce some delightful football, containing as it does such ball artists as Hunter of Tottenham and Berry of Manchester United.

Taylor and Mitchell have no doubt soon selected following their great displays in London's successful cup run.

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The light signals hitherto used to signify that an objection has been lodged and the result thereof have been amended as follows:

Objection RED Square with white border.

Objection Sustained BLUE Square with white border.

Objection Overruled YELLOW Square with white border.

These signals will be exhibited on the Totalisator Tower in the positions previously occupied by the signal lights and the Spheres will be dispensed with.

The objection signal only (Red square with white border) will flash for a short period before it becomes static.

The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a White light and will be exhibited below the objection signals.

H. MISA,
Secretary.
—(London Express Service)

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND AT WEMBLEY

N. H. Whyte, Scotland's goalkeeper, saves from an England attack at Wembley in the Women's Hockey International match, watched by a record crowd of 42,000. England won 9-2.

Chataway May Embarrass Britain's Olympic Selection Committee

Right in the Sydney Wooderson tradition. That was the verdict on Christopher Chataway's performance at the White City Stadium on Saturday, March 15.

Running for Oxford University against Cambridge this 21-year-old undergraduate clocked 4 min. 10.2 secs, beating the previous inter-varsity record, set up by Roger Bannister, two years ago, by 4.6 seconds. This is the fifth fastest time ever for the mile in British athletics.

ONE MORE OF THE FASTEST

Christopher Chataway winning the One Mile for Oxford against Cambridge at the White City in the very fast time of 4 minutes 10.2 seconds, beating Roger Bannister's record by 4.6 seconds.

And for good measure; Chataway dead-heated for first place in the three miles with fellow Dark Blue, John Scott-Wilson. The time they returned was 14 min. 23.8 sec.

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT
The achievement of winning the One and Three Miles, is remarkable, and Chris is the first University runner to achieve it since 1890.

Chataway first took up running whilst at Sherborne School. Then, on going to Oxford, eighteen months ago it was discovered that he had an abnormally low pulse rate; 45 beats per minute, instead of the usual 72.

This is a tremendous advantage to a runner, for it means that he spends his energy more slowly than his opponents, and consequently has a greater reserve power.

Apart from this, Chataway does not possess the other physical attributes associated with a top class athlete. He has neither long legs nor a broad chest.

His rise to the top in mile rankings may embarrass the British Olympic Selection Committee. There is almost an abundance of talent for this distance at the moment. Besides Chataway, Bannister, Parlett and Eyre are all capable of returning 4 min. 10 sec. or less.

ONE WAY OUT
It will be interesting to see how the matter is decided. One way would be for Chris to compete in the 5,000 Metres at Helsinki, and not the 1,600.

This might be disadvantageous not only from the British Olympic viewpoint but for Chataway himself.

Great prospect, though he is for the Mile, he is potentially an even better three-miler. In the longer distance his stamina can be used to more advantage.

In last year's AAA Championships, he ran a great race over this distance, and only lost by inches to Beckett. Both men were credited with a time of 14 min. 2.9 sec.

Chris was by far the fresher at the finish. And he employed different tactics, and set a faster pace, he would surely have won.

After a few more outings over the distance, he will gain the necessary experience to enable him to make the best use of his powers.

However, whichever distance he is selected for, Chataway will provide a strong challenge to the world's best.—(London Express Service)

Pompeo Wins On Third Round Knockout

London, Mar. 25.
Yolande Pompee, the coloured Trinidad light-heavyweight boxer who jumped into prominence when he decisively defeated Dave Sands, the Australian holder of the British Empire Middleweight title early in the season, scored a third round knockout victory over Erik Jensen, of Denmark, at the Empress Hall, London, to-night.

The Dane was dropped for a count of six with a right hook to the jaw in the second round and a left hook

BERGMANN & ROOTHOFF FAVOURED

In the absence of any Japanese entrants, hard-hitting Richard Bergmann of England and stylist Rene Roothoff of France have been nominated joint-favourites for the Men's Singles in the English Open Table Tennis Championship which began at Wembley on Tuesday, March 25.

Former World Champion Johnny Leach has been allotted a difficult task for he must beat old rivals Ken Grable of Middlesex and Brian Kennedy if he is to get through to the quarter-finals.

If he succeeds in winning the championship, he will be the first native Englishman to do so since 1924.

ROWE TWINS SEEDED

The Rowe twins, Diane and Ronald, also former World Champions, have been seeded joint-favourite for the Women's Doubles together with Austria's Linda Wohl and Scotland's Helen Elliot.

Mrs. Werth is also seeded John No. 1 for the Singles, in which her nearest rival is expected to be her teammate, Miss G. Pritzl, of the world-renowned defence.

Chief Yugoslavian competition is expected in the Men's Doubles where Dolinar and Harangozo are expected to meet Leach and Carrington (England) in the final.

The Mixed event is almost certain to go to another English couple for Victor Barnes and Rosaline Rowe, and Leach and Diane Rowe have been nominated top seeds.

England's Aubrey Simons, whose ankle injury resulted in the Swashbuckling Cup defeat against Hungary, is still not fit and will take no part in the Championships.

The Women's Singles and the Men's Doubles will be staged on Friday night and the remaining finals on Saturday.

(London Express Service)

South African Team For Australia

Cape Town, Mar. 25. Eight of the South African cricket team which visited England last year are included in the side to tour Australia later this year.

The team was announced today as follows: J. E. Cheethan (captain), D. J. McGlew (vice-captain), E. Norton, J. H. B. Waite, R. A. McLaren, P. N. F. Muller, M. G. Moller, E. Fuller, J. W. Phillips, H. Keith, G. Innes, H. Thylefield, W. R. Endean, A. Murray and K. Funston.

Cheethan, McGlew, Waite, McLaren, Moller, Malle, Thylefield and Endean were in Dudley Nurse's team in England.

SURPRISE OMISSION

The surprise omission is the bowler, Cuan McCarthy, who is studying at Cambridge University.

McCarthy, South Africa's fastest bowler for several years, was asked by the Selection Committee whether he was available for the tour and had replied that he was.

In deciding not to call on him, the selectors were apparently influenced by the fact that McCarthy was overseas and it was not possible to assess his present form.

McCarthy has represented South Africa in the last 15 Tests.

It will be the first trip to Australia for all the players.

Cheethan becomes the first Western Province player to captain South Africa for 51 years. The last time a South African team visited Australia and New Zealand was in 1931-32 under the late Horace Cameron. Ken Viljoen, manager of the present side, was a member of that team.

Key to the fortunes of the present team again appears to be the batting and success or failure will hinge to a large degree on how the batsmen cope with the speed bowling of Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall.

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TODAY'S SPORT

Races Annual Race Carnival at Happy Valley (Second Day). First Saddle Bell at 11.30 a.m.

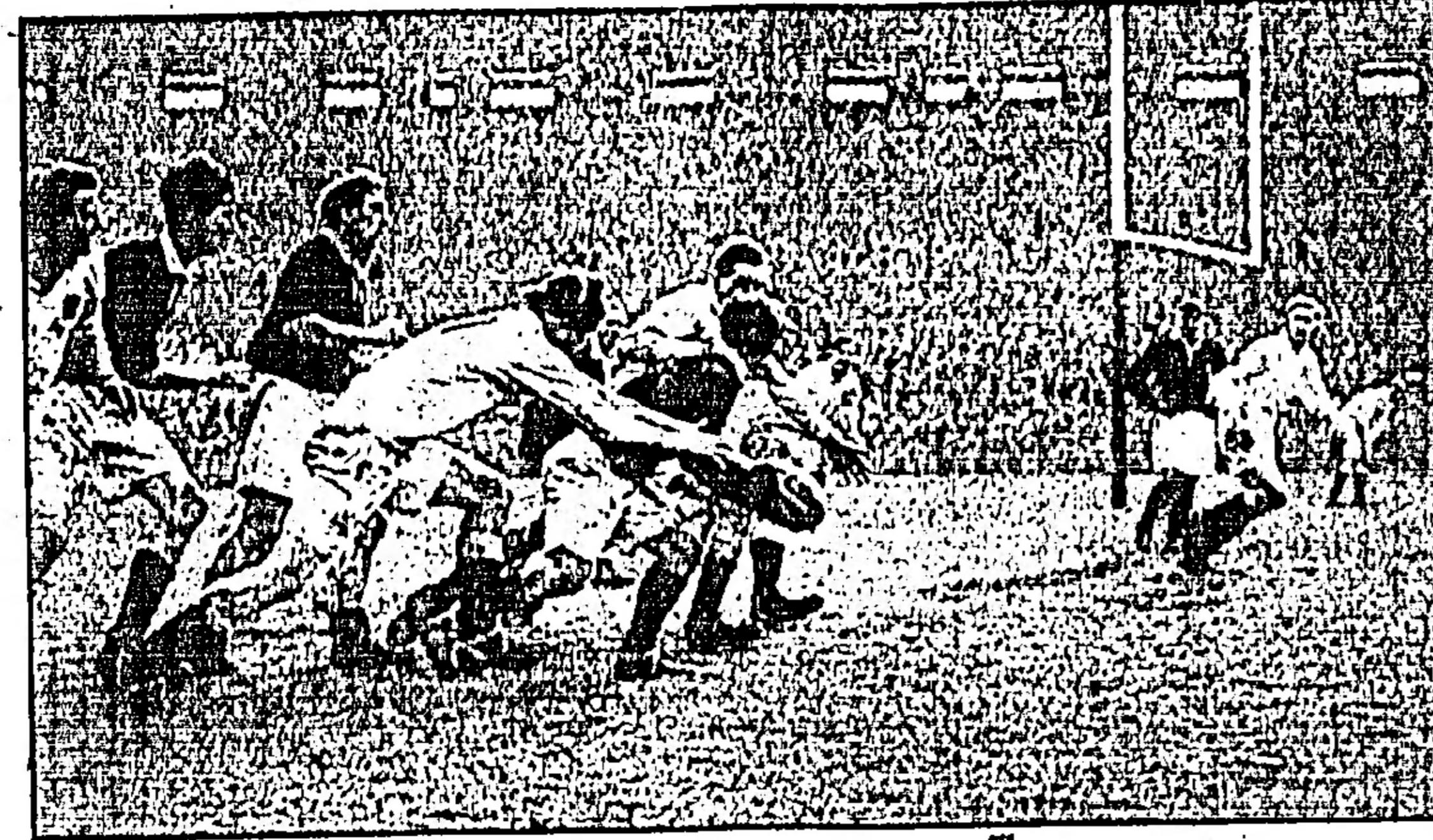
Lawn Tennis Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament at Queen's Road.

Seven-a-Side Miniature Football Seven-a-Side Football Tournament in aid of Olympic Fund Veterans of 1930 Chinese Olympic XI v Schoolboy Interpreters (4.30 p.m.); Army "Optimists" v Sing Tao (5.45 p.m.).

Fencing

Colony Open Fencing Championships of European YMCA, Kowloon, commencing at 10 a.m. Badminton Colony Senior Championships at St. Teresa's Church Hall, commencing at 10 a.m.

ENGLAND RETAINS CALCUTTA CUP



England retained the Calcutta Cup when they beat Scotland by 19 points to 3 in the rugby match at Murrayfield. Picture shows J.C.R. Matthews (England), No. 11, about to tackle a Scottish player who is trying to get the ball away.

FAVOURITES WIN THROUGH IN COLONY SENIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "ARGONAUT"

The favourites won through in the second night's programme of the Colony Open Senior Badminton Championships at St. Teresa's hall yesterday.

The best performance of the night was put up by the unranked pair of Bill Funk and Jimmy Koo, who might well have produced the first major upset of the tournament, but for the difference of a point.

Playing against the seeded pair of P. Wong and C. K. Lee, Funk and Koo opened with a devastating attacking game and had their opponents in a helpless confusion up to 13-4 and 14-5.

Both Funk and Koo were in brilliant form, Funk scoring with forcing drives and feinting shots, and Koo with powerful smashes.

In attempting to score the one needed point, however, they made the costly error of changing their winning game in resorting to soft net shots.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

7.00 p.m.: Men's Doubles — M. T. Lam and W. N. Cheung v. Yue Wing-chun and M. H. Bahaudin.

7.30 p.m.: Men's Singles — W. F. Foo v. Kei Wai-bong.

8.00 p.m.: Men's Singles — S. Saul v. C. K. Lee.

8.30 p.m.: Men's Singles — P. K. Hoei v. M. S. J. Yang.

9.00 p.m.: Ladies' Doubles — Miss Winnie Cheung and Miss Ulrich Khoo v. Miss B. Remedios and Miss T. Remedios.

9.30 p.m.: Men's Singles — Hoit Seng-tuck v. A. G. Torres, Jr.

10.00 p.m.: Men's Doubles — Heah Hock-thye and Yeow Ming-ting v. Robert Tay and K. Y. Tam.

TOMORROW

7.15 p.m.: Men's Singles — Robert Tay v. F. M. Rozario.

7.45 p.m.: Men's Doubles — W. B. Brown & C. Au v. S. Saul & K. Y. Tsu.

8.15 p.m.: Ladies' Singles — Miss Stella Correa v. Mrs. Elvile Tsoo.

8.45 p.m.: Mixed Doubles — Miss W. Cheung and R. Young v. Mrs. M. Chow and J. Koo.

9.15 p.m.: Men's Doubles — A. Torres & M. Yang v. P. K. Hoei and D. C. Lau.

9.45 p.m.: Men's Singles — R. Young v. C. K. Lee or S. Saul.

FRIDAY

7.15 p.m.: Men's Singles — J. Koo v. R. Tay or F. M. Rozario.

7.45 p.m.: Men's Doubles — P. Wong & C. K. Lee v. M. T. Lam & W. N. Cheung or W. C. Yu & M. H. Bahaudin.

8.15 p.m.: Mixed Doubles — Miss T. Remedios & J. A. Soares v. Miss Helen Kwong & W. F. Foo.

8.45 p.m.: Men's Singles — Heah Hock-thye v. P. K. Hoei or M. Yang.

9.15 p.m.: Mixed Doubles — Miss B. Remedios and M. T. Lam v. Miss S. Correa & Bill Funk.

9.45 p.m.: Men's Doubles — W. F. Foo & R. Young v. C. K. Lee or S. Saul & J. C. Remondos & J. C. Ron.

Colony Chess Tourney Starts Tomorrow

The Colony Chess Championship tournament starts tomorrow at the Peninsula Hotel with the following first round games, the first-mentioned player having the white pieces:

Dr. G. A. Vellot v. Karl Weiss, G. S. Coxhead v. J. P. de Carvalho, S. B. Khu v. L. Schure, Alec Nelson v. R. C. Danenberg, J. B. Loing draws a bye in the first round.

The games tomorrow start at 6.30 p.m. The tournament will be of one round.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE TEAM PICKED FOR FAR EAST TOUR

By DENNIS HART

A party of 16 amateur footballers are due to leave London on May 4 on the first leg of a journey that will take them half-way round the globe and back in just 20 days.

They are the members of the Athenian League representative side who have arranged to play three games in Hongkong and three more in Singapore before returning on May 24.

Because of Britain's Olympic Games commitments it will not be the strongest possible Athenian side but it is still a formidable combination, containing two current Internationals.

They are Roy Stroud (Hendon) centre-forward, and Denis Kelleher (Barnet) inside-left.

POPULAR VISITORS

The tour has been arranged as a direct outcome of a visit by Hendon FC to Hongkong and Manlia last year. Hendon proved very popular visitors and the Hongkong FA asked their Secretary, Stan Greene, if he thought another tour could be arranged, if possible against a representative side.

When Mr. Greene returned to England he immediately sounded the Athenian League Committee who readily agreed to send a representative team.

A request was made by the Hongkong FA that the tour should start before May, as when Hendon were out East last year one of their games was ruined off during the monsoon season.

But Athenian League Secretary Warren pointed out that fixtures had to be completed and with so many clubs engaged in the Amateur Cup as well as other competitions this could not be done.

The full team is E. Bennett (Southall) goal-keeper; G. McGhee and R. Gadstone (Wendlestone) and E. Harvey (Southall) full-backs; J. Gerrans (Barnet), C. Wood (Southall), D. Stoker (Sutton) G.H. Battle (Southall) and W. Fisher (Hendon) half-backs; T. Fruin, J. Taylor (Wealdstone), D. Kelleher (Barnet), R. Stroud (Hendon), E. Parker, J. Sorenson (Southall) and F. Bennett (Wealdstone) forwards.

(London Express Service)

Final Callover On The Lincolnshire

London, Mar. 25.

There was another change in the betting market choice on the Lincolnshire Handicap when the final card was called over at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

Abraham's Star, ousted from

favouritism by Rising Flame at Monday's callover, now finished co-favourite with Rising Flame at 100 to 9. Rising Flame was, however, the best backed horse, being supported to win £15,000.

Abraham's Star was backed to win £10,000.

PLENTY OF BUSINESS

Plenty of business was transacted for tomorrow's race although it was not quite as heavy as on Monday night. The biggest cut in price was that of La Princesse, who closed at 25 to 1, eight points less than at the last callover. La Princesse was backed to win £11,000.

The mount of the Champion Jockey, Gordon Richards, Titian, was the third favourite, being unchanged at 100 to 7. He was backed to win £7,000.

The best backed outside was Doubtless II, which was supported to win £7,000 at 50 to 1. Capsize and Llanstephan were both unchanged at 100 to 6. Capsize was supported to win £7,500 while there was considerable backing of Llanstephan to take first place.

St. Ives, well backed at the previous callover, drifted from 22 to 1 to 25 to 1. Other well-backed candidates were Valdesco and Justice Jury (£12,500) and (£10,000).

THE QUOTATIONS

The prices were:

100 to 9 Rising Flame and Abraham's Star.

100 to 7 Titian.

100 to 6 Capsize and Llanstephan.

18 to 1 Benbow.

25 to 1 Dutch Clover and La Princesse.

28 to 1 St. Ives and El Ayashy.

33 to 1 Keepatwoatwo, Stratolight, Phariza, Histories Field, Justice Jury and Valdesco.

OPEN FOURSOMES

Third Round — Downie and Watson beat Cleland and Terence — 2/1; Robb and Goldman beat Craig and Beazley — 1 up; Cauldwell and Thomson beat Dickson, Leach and Garrard — 3/1; Baker and MacKinnon beat Duffy and Paterson — 1 up; Cotton and Cooper beat Drysdale and Barker — 3/2; Wai and Pan beat Coombs and Macfarlane — 1 up; Gray and Klemant beat Prophit and Hunter — 5/4.

The replay in the 2nd round between Cable and Wireless Ltd., and the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., was won by the latter side.

The 2nd round has now been completed. In the semi-finals, Butterfield and Swire meet Imperial Chemical Industries and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank meet the Union Insurance of Canton Ltd.

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This week-end at Fanling there will be a Bogey Pool Competition over the New Course. Also on Sunday will be the match between England and Scotland, the teams being published on Thursday.

SHANGHAI VISITOR CUP

This competition takes place on Easter Sunday, April 13, and entries are invited on the Club notice board or direct to the Club Office. The Competition is over 30 holes Medal play on the Old Course at full handicap.

HKCC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Following were the results of the Hongkong Cricket Club tournament matches played yesterday:

Pratt beat Macwhinney 6-4, 6-2, 6-0; Agafuroff and Miss Skinner beat A. Hooley and Mrs. Williams 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Evans v. Cook; Macwhinney v. Macmillane; Zulau v. Holmes; Coxhead v. Kendal; Stuckey v. Prichard; Miss and Mrs. Pratt v. Mrs. Williams; Agafuroff and Miss Skinner v. Mrs. Williams; and Mrs. Williams v. Mrs. Lamey.

TO MORROW

If a man is to be allowed to remain in his corner until such time as the referee sees fit to tell him that he can come out then let's stop calling it boxing and refer to it as pantomime.

DASTARDLY

If the decision hadn't been so dastardly it would have been the funniest thing I've ever

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(London Express Service)

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"CHANYANG"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 30th Mar.
"FOOCHOW"	Ko-ki, Quon-ki & Yokohama	10 a.m. 1st Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kwangtung	5 p.m. 2nd Apr.
"DUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 6th Apr.
"YOCHOW"	Kwangtung	5 p.m. 7th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore & Penang	10 a.m. 8th Apr.
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"SHANSI"	Singapore	29th Mar.
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"SHENGKING"	Kwangtung	2nd Apr.
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U.S. Tyre Makers Making More Use Of Rayon Fibres

New York, Mar. 25.

The rayon and wood pulp industry, due to a combination of special circumstances, is the brightest spot in an otherwise gloomy textile picture.

According to trade sources, the slackening in rayon production was more than offset by increased demand from tyre manufacturers who are using rayon fibres instead of cotton due to the high prices of the latter.

The switch from cotton to wood pulp was particularly apparent during the past two months.

There is no indication of any price easiness in the near future because—

1. While the shortage of wood pulp has abated somewhat, there is still an unsatisfied demand in both the paper and rayon industries and

2. The foreign quotas are expanding with prices holding steady.

Although no overall figures for the rayon and wood pulp industry are obtainable, the annual report of Rayonier Incorporated shows that sales of purified wood cellulose during 1951 totalled 377,483 tons compared with 355,257 tons in 1950.

GROWING DEMAND

The report said: "The general demand for wood cellulose continued to grow, and tyre cord production increased further."

At the same time there were setbacks in the textile markets, beginning early in 1951 and continuing to the year-end.

Viscose and acetate yarn producers have curtailed output and are still operating on a reduced basis.

Nevertheless, demand for Rayonier's products continued to exceed the company's productive capacity."

The Textile Economics Bureau reported cellulose consumption by the United States rayon and acetate producing industry at an all-time high of 616,300 tons last year. The wood pulp total for the previous year was 456,200 tons.—United Press.

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JAPANESE BONDS

London, Mar. 25.

Japanese bonds:

"A" (4s. of 1980) ... 70

"B" (4s. of 1910) ... 59

"C" (5s. of 1907) ... 113

"D" (5s. of 1934) ... 113

"E" (5½s. of 1934) ... 69½

Consols United Press.

Pulp Prices Discussed

London, Mar. 25. British and Scandinavian economic experts met at the Foreign Office today to discuss wood pulp prices and supplies to Britain.

The Ministry of Materials announced earlier this month that it would not accept applications to import wood pulp except at prices 20 per cent below those existing at the end of last year.—Reuters.

Heavy Meat Cuts In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Mar. 25. The Argentines, formerly the world's biggest beef eaters, are today suffering severe meat cuts.

Accustomed to eating more than two lbs of beef daily, they are now lucky to get four lbs for the whole week.

Three days a week meat is unobtainable. For on Sunday butchers are closed. Thursday's killings are for export only and Friday is officially decreed a meatless day.

Consequently long queues of angry housewives wait impatiently outside butchers' shops from dawn on the remaining four days.

First come, first served is the rule, though Senor Peron has already hinted at the possibility of rationing.

CURRENCY SHORTAGE

Discussing other shortages, Senor Peron has said in the past: "The best way to combat the cigarette shortage is not to smoke for a month. Beat the scarcity of beer by drinking water."

Now housewives are wondering whether the same "solution" will be offered to solve the meat problem.

Background to the shortage is that Argentine coffers are bare of foreign currency and the Government is desperately anxious to remit every available ounce of meat to meat-hungry Britons to secure Sterling for the purchase of vitally needed coal, oil, tinplate, and other raw materials.—London Express Service.

To Lower Floor Prices Of Textiles

Tokyo, Mar. 25. The Japanese Government will shortly lower floor prices of cotton textiles for export, Kyodo News Agency reported.

The Government controls cotton exports and rejects any contracts booked below what the Government calls "check" prices—actually floor prices.

Hundreds of cotton contracts were rejected in January.

Their rejection numbers quickly fell, for most applications showed the right prices.

The Government has found out the reason:

Such exporters were rebating part of invoice amounts to buyers through their agents in Japan, Kyodo said.

The present check prices were based on ruling quotations last September.—Associated Press.

Rubber Study Group Meets In May

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 25.

Malaya is sending five representatives to the Rubber Study Group conference in Ottawa in May.

Participating as advisers to the British Colonial and Independent Territories delegation, they are:

Malaya—H. H. Facer, Dato E. C. Thurlingsham and Inche Salleh Halim, all members of the Malayan Rubber Producers Council.

Singapore—I. G. Salmond and rubber magnate Lee Kong Chuan, representing the trading side.

A. Heywood-Waddington, former Malayan Government official who used to represent Malaya at rubber and tin talks and is now Malaya's Economic Representative in Britain, will also attend as an adviser.—Associated Press.

EFFECT OF TEHERAN'S OIL NATIONALISATION ON COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

Foreign Trade At A Standstill

Teheran, Mar. 25. Despite predictions of an early collapse of Iran's economy after the withdrawal of the British and their oil royalties, nine months of nationalisation has brought almost no change in the standard of living of the average Iranian.

The man in the street has been affected little by the loss of Anglo-Iranian oil company revenues though the country's foreign trade is virtually dead.

Illegal Operators Extending Activities

London, Mar. 25. The Continental currency operators who have made big profits by illegal dealings in furs, diamonds and coffee, are turning their attention to other commodities.

It is said that they are now handling gold, rubber, wool, Eastern spices and metals.

They buy these materials with pounds in the Sterling Area and then resell for dollars, making big profits by bringing back to Europe through the black market, their dollar earnings.

The Government is making every effort to avoid economic collapse.

The first step was to cut imports from £40,000,000 to £25,000,000 annually. It has concluded barter deals to help close the gap.

Iran used to buy some 28 per cent of its imports in the Sterling Area but after restrictions imposed by the British Treasury, the amount was cut in half.

BARTER DEALS

So far, barter deals have been completed with Russia, Germany and France, among others.

Negotiations are under way with Italy, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Japan.

Sugar deficits have been made up fairly successfully by barter with Russia and other countries.

To help out the Government's programme, a national six per cent two-year loan has been floated. The total subscribed to date is 250,000,000 (M) rials.

Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's supporters say the Government has written off the responsibility of any income from oil, except for internal sales.

The chief victim of the loss of oil revenues is the seven-year development plan, which has been suspended.

The two principal projects which were abandoned are railways from Teheran to Azerbaijan and from Teheran to Khotarwan.

U.S. AID PLANNED

Another factor in halting the work was the British Government's requisitioning of steel rails before delivery. The projects may be revived with American aid.

The Iranians will devote some \$10,000,000 of the \$23,500,000 total point-four aid to raising health and education standards. The remainder will go to improving agriculture.

This latter allocation may help revive other seven-year plan projects.

Business circles in Teheran, however, are unimpressed with the Government's efforts. "Trade is dead," one of them said.

He added that because of uncertain conditions no one would risk capital in trade, "and anyway, there's no money around."—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 25.

Prices of tin were steady and quiet this morning. Turnover was 65 tons, none for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin buyers 601
Business done at 602

Three-months tin buyers 603

Three-months tin sellers 603-64

Business done at 603-64

Settlement 601-62

United Press.

Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, Mar. 25.

Prices of rubber futures closed today, as follows:

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1952.

Baby Kicked To Death —Penalty Three Years

A Wife Took Her Beating 'Weekly'

A former Church of England deacon ordered his wife up to their bedroom to be beaten. She went weekly and was beaten, said Mr Justice Barnard in a Birmingham Court last week.

But two days later the wife, Mrs Monica Smeardon, 30-year-old mother of four children, left the house. She is matron of St. Etheline's School, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire.

A teacher for 31 years, 13 school-teaching husband, John Smeardon, of Pakenham Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, said: "I just know this can't go on as it is."

She petitioned for divorce at Birmingham Assizes, and was granted a decree on the grounds of cruelty.

The couple married in 1949. The husband was 19 and a Cambridge undergraduate. The wife was 18. No doubt, said the judge, that one of the reasons why the marriage went wrong was that both of them were too young to get married.

FOUR CHILDREN

The wife had four children. When she was expecting the first child in October 1949 her husband completely lost his temper. He struck her in the face with his fist. Mrs Smeardon said he behaved in a similar way before the birth of each child. "I don't say he hit her on every occasion," but, upbraided her, said the judge.

In April 1949, said the judge, Mrs Smeardon committed malpractice with a girl guest in his house.

The wife forgave him, and shortly afterwards he became a deacon of the Church of England.

"The first thing he seems to have done after being ordained," said the judge, "is to find another young girl and commit misconduct with her."

SHE TRIED . . .

"When he got into serious trouble about that girl his wife stood by him." She went with him and tried to save him when he had an interview with the Bishop."

The husband then consulted a psychiatrist, said the judge. Willing to his wife, Mr Smeardon said that he was "emotionally immature." His recovery depended on "how long it will take me to grow up into maturity."

Before the birth of their fourth child the husband said she ought to get sterilised.

Then fifth child was expected. "Later, as we know," said the judge, "the husband compelled this unfortunate wife to have a sterilisation operation. I have come to the conclusion that this wretched woman hardly knew what she was doing. I am convinced that eventually he had reduced her to a state of complete subjection."

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Hour (Young People); 6.30, "Hui Lin" (Beamer (BBC) No. 13); "Toy Town goes West"; 6.30, Forces Bandstand (Concert Hall); Hand of the King; Showstopper (light variety); 6.45, "The Big Show"; 6.55, "Barkby"; DSO; G.O.B. conducted by Mr C.W.G. Hes; 7. Time Signal; World News; 7.15, "Lucky Dip"; Variety Requests presented by Jean Halliday (Studio); 7.30, Weather Report; 8.00, "A Day in the Life of a Family"; 8.30, Circle Ballet (Adam); 8.45, Opera House, Orch.; Covent Garden conducted by Constant Lambert; 9.00, "The Big Show"; 9.15, "Hong Kong Festival"; Part of Prince Winners' Concert from Queen's College; Conductor: Leonard Starrett; 9.30, "The Old Country"; 9.45, "W.M.C. Symphony Orchestra"; 10.00, Canterbury Tales No. 11; 10.15, "The Merchant's Tale"; 10.30, Peter Pan (Peter Pan); 10.45, "The Big Show"; 11.00, "The Big Show"; 11.15, Radio News Itself (Recorded Relay); 11.30, Weather Report; 11.45, "Close down".

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION
The formal solution can be expressed as follows: If the cycling speed is v m.p.h., then the car speed is $2v$ m.p.h.; the constant speed of the road is $(v+1) + (1/2v+1) = 3/2v + 1$; hence $v = 2$ m.p.h. The distance covered is $(v+1)(2v+1) = 3v^2 + 3v + 1$. The Nationalist amendment moved by Dr H. F. Verwoerd,

MAN'S "MOMENT OF LOST CONTROL"

John Charles Saxby, aged 27, kicked two-year-old Johnny Mundy. The kick killed the baby. At the Old Bailey last week Saxby was gaoled for three years for the kick that killed.

Saxby, odd-job man, was baby-sitting with two of the Mundy children—Johnny, and Helen, then 11 months old—in Dudley Road, Bedfont (Middlesex), when Johnny died.

Mr Barry Hudson, defending, said to the jury in his final speech: "If Saxby had not gone to the police station and made a statement there would have been no prosecution."

Johnny Mundy died on July 14, 1951, from a ruptured liver which, as the jury heard, might have been caused by a kick. And it was not until January 27 this year that Saxby went to a police station and confessed that he had kicked the child.

But next day he retracted his confession and said he had not touched the child.

LYING 'LIMP'
Saxby, who was in a grey suit with a dark blue open-neck shirt, told the jury he found the child lying "limp" in bed.

And he said he made the confession on January 12 because he had had a row with his wife in which she said: "You are not the father of my child. I advise you to go to see the police are looking for you."

At 4.30 p.m. the jury retired. The judge had put the case to them this way: Supposing this little fellow had been obstreperous, and supposing Saxby had thought it proper to punish him.

If the jury thought there was deliberate kicking of the child, could they say the punishment was within bounds of moderation.

At 5.0 p.m. the jury returned the verdict: Guilty of manslaughter.

Then Mrs Mundy heard for the first time where Saxby had been spending some of his time since he left her council house home—in prison. —United Press.

POACHING

For Chief Inspector Leslie Watts, listing Saxby's 16 previous convictions, said the last one was in January for pushing a crippled farmer in Kent, who had found Saxby, his father, and a third man poaching, into 4ft-deep stream.

For that Saxby was gaoled for three months.

The inspector said Saxby had twice been in mental homes. He had had many jobs. In the last he was described as a good worker, though he twice struck his boss with a shovel.

S. Africa Faces Grave Crisis, Warning

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of Parliament, which they spurned for years when South Africa was fighting for its life?"

The motion by Senator Nicholls was: "That this House takes the strongest possible exception to the declared intention of the Government to overrule the unanimous judgment of the Judges of the Supreme Court to the effect that the entrenched clauses of the Constitution remain of full force and effect, and demands that the Government shall give an undertaking that it will not act in accordance with the Constitution, failing which it is of the opinion that the Government is in honour bound to resign."

In the House of Assembly, the United Party leader, Mr J. G. N. Strauss, failed yesterday in his second attempt in three days to initiate a debate on the crisis arising from the Supreme Court's decision against the Separate Representation of Voters Act.

COUNTER MOVE
The Nationalist (Government) Party countered the Opposition's motion with an amendment expressing "full support" for legislation "to ensure that the will of the people as expressed through Parliament" would remain sovereign. He said that General Smuts held the same views at the time of the Transvaal Republic. General Smuts (late United Party leader) had been clearly opposed to the testing right and had declared that the will of the people must be sovereign. He said that General Smuts held the same views at the time of the national convention in 1909 (when the Union of South Africa was constituted), when he had advocated the British system under which the courts administered laws enacted by Parliament but had no power to test it. —Reuter.

Lagos Chief Visits BBC



SEQUEL TO CAIRO RIOTS: PARTY LEADER ARRESTED

Cairo, Mar. 25. Ibrahim Shukri, Vice-President of the Al Ishterakeya, the National-Socialist Party formerly known as the Greenshirt Fascists, was arrested last night on charges of planning Cairo's fires on "Black Saturday"—January 26.

His chief lawyer—demagogue Ahmed Hussein—is now serving 18 months' imprisonment for crimes of lese majeste. He is awaiting trial on charges arising out of Cairo's riots.

Duplicate The Hen Lays Four Eggs A Day

(By A Correspondent)

Duplicate, the hen—she laid two eggs at her first attempt—is setting a record which is confounding the experts.

In 88 days, Duplicate, eight months old, laid 217 eggs. In one week, she produced 23—nearly four a day or one every six hours. One in 18 hours is good even among the best layers.

ON TIME

Now Duplicate is a North Holland Blue and seems no different from the other 63 blue-white speckled hens kept by fair-haired Mrs Hutchings, 37-year-old wife of a farmer at North Mundham, near Chichester, Sussex.

When I visited Duplicate last week she had already laid two eggs. Her owner said: "She should be laying about this time." And, on schedule, an egg rolled down from Duplicate's cage into the trap tray.

No doubt where it came from. That was at 3.25 p.m. Triplicate, I thought.

I compared Duplicate with the other birds, some of which—Pegg and Olive and Betty for example—are laying nine or ten eggs a week. I read the careful laying chart kept by Mrs Hutchings. I examined the pellets of food on which all the birds are fed.

THE SECRET

I had a cup of tea with Mrs Hutchings, then went back to Duplicate's cage. There was another freshly laid egg in the tray. It was 4.55 p.m. Duplicate had scored four for the day and justified a new name—Quadruplete.

If there is any secret about Duplicate's performance Mrs Hutchings does not know it. Nor does her 39-year-old husband, who farms 125 acres.

Duplicate gets a normal ration of ordinary food, plus a little wheat and green meal.

The accepted laying record is 323 eggs in 338 days by a Yorkshire hen. As to many experts doubt Duplicate's performance, Mrs Hutchings is willing to feed and refresh anyone who will sit by Duplicate's cage for a whole day and check the hen's performance.

MPs MAY DOZE

Karachi, Mar. 25. Members of the Pakistan Parliament were told today that they may doze in the House but must not snore.

The Chairman, Ibrahim Khan, had his attention called to a member snoring and was asked if he was allowed to do so.

He replied, "I do not think that there is any provision regarding snoring in the rules. I think dozing may be allowed but not snoring." —Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

Living Language

—Why we say Jerry-built.

A house is said to be "Jerry-built" when the work in it is scamped and poor. There are two explanations for the word "Jerry," one that it comes from the French "jour," day, because the house only took a day to build, but more properly it comes from the seaman's use of the word "jury" for temporary or emergency. A "jury-rudder," for example, is a temporary rudder rigged up to replace the one carried away by a storm. "Jerry-built" therefore describes something put up in a hurry to last only for a short while.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
By Air
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.C.; Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m., C.I.A.; Japan, Korea, 3 p.m., B.O.A.C.; Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.

By Surface
Macau, 12.30 p.m.; Hongkong, 1 p.m.; Singapore, 2 p.m., as Bazaar.

Malaya, 2 p.m., as Bazaar.

Indonesia, 3 p.m., as Tjikampok.

Formosa, 2 p.m., as Shengtung.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
By Air
Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Basra, Beirut, Great Britain, Europe; 6 a.m., via C.O.A.C.; Indo-China, 3 p.m., Al Vietnam, Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface
Macau, 12.30 p.m.; Hongkong, 1 p.m.; China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Japan, 10 a.m., via Glenroy, N. Borneo, Macau, Gleniffer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28
By Air
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L.

Siam, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe; 6 a.m., via C.O.A.C.

Burma, India, 10.30 a.m., Thai Airways.

Formosa, Japan, Noon, C.A.T.

Portuguese India, 5 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m., P.A.C.; Borneo, 10 p.m., New Zealand, 8 p.m., G.E.A.

By Surface
Macau, 12.30 p.m.; Hongkong, 1 p.m.; China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Japan, 10 a.m., via Helios, Siam, 10 a.m., via Anno Reeds.

Philippines, 2 p.m., as India.

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